



Place: Romer's Banquet Room

Date: 1/9/17

**Members present:** Karen Romer, Don Hess, Donna Hess, Sharon Rindler, Frank Urwin, Kelley Baker, Matt Lammers, Ron Rindler, Deb Hemmelgarn, Mindy Kremer, Ann Garman, Karl Gast, David Romer, Chuck Stammen, Ron Gelhaus, John Yoder.

President, Frank Urwin called the meeting to order.

No changes were requested to the minutes from the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. They stand approved as written.

Mercer Health representatives Mindy Kremer, Senior Director of Development, Marketing & Community Outreach and Deb Hemmelgarn, MED Foundation Coordinator were introduced. Together, they shared information about the hospital's \$24 million dollar expansion project and their "**Building on a Promise**" Campaign. In order to continue to meet the healthcare needs of the community they aim to complete a sizable expansion to the existing hospital building. The expansion would enable additional space for surgical services, private patient rooms and enhanced outpatient services. To learn more about the campaign and various donor opportunities, additional information is provided in the attached documents. Also feel free to speak with Deb or Mindy by calling 419-678-5679.

David gave an update on the finances: Checking balance - \$1,399.78, Savings balance - \$36,952.53. Kelley motioned to approve the Treasurers report, seconded by Don. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- 1) **Membership / Welcome Committee:** Kelley has no new members since the last meeting but will be scheduling photos of our two most recent members - Poly Concepts and Totally Fit. We received new tri-folds with information about dental insurance options. This information will be included with the new member folders.

New Business:

- 1) Karen shared information about the upcoming **South Park Amphitheater** entertainment schedule and asked for a donation from the Chamber. Twelve events are scheduled at the Amphitheater between June and August, 2017. Matt made a motion to donate \$1,000 to be a Platinum Sponsor enabling us to have our name/logo listed in the brochure and on a banner, and to receive a name mention at each concert. The motion was seconded by Chuck. Motion carried.
- 2) **Membership Dues** continue to come in nicely.
- 3) A request for a donation was received from **Arts in the Park**. Chuck made a motion to donate \$100; it was seconded by Karen. Motion carried.
- 4) We received **thank you letters** from St Henry Boy Scouts, Mercer County Right to Life and Cancer Association of Mercer County for donations given to their organizations through the Combined Charity Drive.

5) Matt gave an update on the **2016 Combined Charity Drive**. A total of \$16,096.00 was collected and divided among various clubs and organizations as noted below. This is an increase in donations from last year. The distribution and collection process seems to be working nicely. Thank you to The St Henry Bank staff for their help in maintaining these efforts. Deb asked that we update the donor list – Mercer Co Red Cross should be changed to West Central Chapter Red Cross.

St Henry Squad - \$3,539.00	St Henry Girl Scouts - \$262.50
St Henry Boy Scouts - \$244.00	St Henry Youth Soccer - \$327.00
St Henry Summer Baseball - \$385.00	St Henry Swim Team - \$481.50
South Park Entertainment Fund - \$829.00	Crippled Children & Adults - \$615.00
Mercer County Hospice - \$1,723.00	Mercer Co Historical Society - \$347.00
Cancer Association of MC - \$1,857.00	Center for Neurological Dev - \$1,907.00
Mercer County Dare Program - \$468.00	Mercer Co Right to Live - \$1,371.00
West Central Chapter Red Cross – 879.00	American Heart Association - \$519.00
Multiple Sclerosis - \$342.00	

Old Business:

- 1) **St Henry Booster Athletic Complex** project was once again tabled for future discussion.
- 2) **St Henry Stingray** request for a donation was tabled until more information is available on estimated costs of touchpads and the number of units they will need.

Thank you to "**Stammen Insurance**" for hosting the stress relief!

For the second month in a row, the **Pot of God** was won by Frank Urwin - \$28.00!

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Karl. Motion carried. Next meeting will be Monday, February 13, 2017.

Sincerely,

*Sharon Rindler*

Secretary