



Place: Romer's Banquet Room
Date: 11/13/2017

Members present: Nate Subler, Karen Romer, Sara Evers, Sharon Rindler, Matt Lammers, Don Hess, Kim Baumer, David Romer, Frank Urwin, Evelyn Grillot, Carol Bruns, Josh Schmackers.

President, Frank Urwin called the meeting to order.

Treasure Report: David Romer reported the following account balances ... Checking account - \$981.21 and Savings account - \$40,530.61;

No changes were requested to the **minutes** from the October 16th meeting. They were motioned for approval by David Romer, and seconded by Don Hess. Motion carried.

Frank Urwin welcomed new member Sara Evers. Sara opened her business (**Sano Nutrition & Wellness**) at 501 N Eastern Ave, Suite B, St Henry. Sara operates a supplement and nutrition store which features a Smoothie bar; she welcomes the community to stop in for a visit.

David Romer added that **Wells Brothers Inc.**, have become our most recent member. Wells Brothers, Inc. are an Industrial Contractor business located at 105 Shue Dr., Anna.

Committee Reports:

- 1) **Christmas Open House:** The Open House was a success according to many of the store owners that remained open for shoppers. Kim Baumer thought the afternoon showers may have slowed traffic a little, but up until that time, the stores were bustling! Karen Romer estimated that they had as many as 800 people go through the hall. Leading up to tonight's meeting, Kim had collected 5 tickets from each of the 14 stores that had drawing boxes set up. The tickets were consolidated and 10 prize winners were drawn resulting in the following list:

10th Place - Jacob Wenning -- \$320+ basket
9th Place - Lisa Hess -- \$320+ basket
8th Place - Ashley Olson -- \$320+ basket
7th Place - Karlee Huelsman -- \$320+ basket
6th Place- Lucy Marchal -- \$320+ basket
5th Place - Brianna Gillis -- \$320+ basket
4th Place - Janelle Lange -- \$500+ basket
3rd Place - Betty Tobe -- \$800+ basket
2nd Place - Karen Griesdorn -- \$1000+ basket
1st Place - Kathy Huelsman -- \$1300+ basket

Ten baskets totaling \$5,800 in Village Money, Store Gift Certificates and Prizes will be shared with the winners. Winners will be called and gathered for a photo. An announcement will be put in the Daily Standard, on our Facebook page and Website.

New Business:

- 1) **Nomination of Officers:** a motion was made by Matt Lammers to accept the following members as nominated for their respective offices. The motion was seconded by Carol Bruns... motion carried
Vice President – Josh Schmackers
Secretary – Sharon Rindler
Treasurer – David Romer

Nate Subler, will move to the office of President. A vote will take place at the December meeting.

- 2) Matt reported that a total of \$14,318.00 has been donated to **St Henry/Granville Township Combined Drive**. A breakdown of the various organizations and a presentation of checks will take place at the December meeting.
- 3) Frank Urwin thanked the Gardens of St Henry for being tonight's **Stress Relief Sponsor**. As we bring 2017 to a close, we are looking for 2018 drink sponsors! Three openings remain – if you would like to sponsor the month of May, September or December, please let Sharon Rindler know.
- 4) **Chamber Banquet**: We talked briefly about moving the date of the Chamber Banquet and possibly even having a different type of event. David Romer will form a committee and brainstorm some possible ways to increase attendance. Keep your eyes open for more details about the annual banquet!!
- 5) It was discussed and decided as a group that **2018 Membership Dues** shall remain the same - \$60. Sharon will send out the 2018 Membership Dues Invoice via e-mail in December.
- 6) Sharon Rindler will prepare a calendar for 2018, guest speakers are welcome. Karen will bring some ideas for possible speakers to the next meeting.
- 7) In **miscellaneous conversation**, we received a donation request from the House of Hope; that request was tabled for future discussion. The St Henry Legion recently celebrated paying off their loan with a mortgage burning! Sharon will send a congratulatory card to the Legion on behalf of the Chamber.

Old Business:

- 1) **Village Money**: David Romer says that \$5,820 in Village Money was purchased during 2017. This is all money that stays local. As a Chamber, we all feel that Village Money is a good thing for our community. We will work to increase its popularity. David Romer will talk with Messenger Press about redesigning the dollar certificates to be a little larger. A list of Chamber business names indicating where consumers can redeem the Village Money will be prepared and accompany each purchase of Village Money. It was further decided that a non-chamber business could redeem and be reimbursed for Village Money; that business, however, would not be listed on the information flyer given with the initial purchase of Village Money.

Once the new looking Village Money is prepared, a sample of all the documents will be shared with Chamber Members. **Help yourself and fellow businesses this Holiday season; Village Money makes great holiday gifts for friends, family and employees.**

- 2) In some last minute discussion of the **St Henry Athletic Complex**, David Romer made a motion to donate \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Nate Subler. The motion carried.

Thank you to "**Gardens at St Henry**" for hosting the stress relief – Yippity Yip!!

Karen Romer was the winner of the **Pot of God!!** - \$24.00 – HOO-RAY!

Matt Lammers made a **motion to adjourn** the meeting, David Romer seconded; motion carried. Next meeting will be Monday, December 4, 2017, please join us.

Sincerely,

Sharon Rindler

Secretary