



Place: Romer's Banquet Room

Date: 2/12/18

**Members present:** Kelley Baker, Josh Schmackers, Karen Romer, Sharon Rindler, Frank Urwin, Matt Lammers, David Romer, Nate Subler, Lisa Niekamp Urwin, Carol Bruns, Andy Schmitmeyer, John Yoder. Special Guests: Jenny Brandon, Charmaine Bettinger, Julie Uhlenhake.

President, Nate Subler called the meeting to order.

Nate began the meeting by welcoming special guest speakers **Jenny Brandon** and **Charmaine Bettinger**, representatives of a project called *A Park 4 All Abilities*. Jenny and Charmaine shared information about the progress they are making in their efforts to make Coldwater Memorial Park an all-inclusive park for people of all ages and all abilities. The three-phase project will incorporate playground equipment designed to support multiple sensory platforms making it a place where parents, siblings, friends, neighbors, and caregivers can all be included in fun. Total funding for the project is anticipated to be \$450,000. (Phase 1 - \$100,000; Phase 2 - \$175,000; Phase 3 - \$175,000) To date, they have raised \$35,000 and they will not begin the first phase until they have acquired their first \$100,000. Various sponsorship levels are available. After some questions and answers and then a members discussion, David Romer made a motion to donate \$1,000 toward the project. The motion was seconded by Matt Lammers; the motion was unanimously voted for approval.

**Julie Uhlenhake**, who joined our meeting as a parent representative of the *St Henry Stingrays*, inquired about a donation for "starting blocks" to be used at the St Henry swim meets. The Stingrays are a self-funded group of approximately 100 swimmers from St Henry, Maria Stein and Ansonia. They hold their meets in June and July. With the installation of a new pool, comes the need for some new equipment. The starting blocks are the responsibility of the swim team. At a cost of \$20,000 for 8 starting blocks, the club is planning some fund raising projects, researching grant opportunities and asking for community support. Following Julie's presentation, David Romer made a motion to donate \$1,200 to the project. Frank Urwin seconded the motion. After a member vote, the motion carried unanimously.

No changes were made to the **minutes** from the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. A motion to approve them as written was made by Kelley Baker, seconded by Matt Lammers. Motion carried.

David gave an update on the **finances**: Checking balance - \$2,381.54, Savings - \$28,503.79

New Business:

- 1) Nate Subler announced that **St Henry Dental** has become a member of the Chamber. Also attending his first meeting - Andy Schmitmeyer, owner of **ADS Financial** has committed to being a Chamber member. Kelley Baker and her membership team will be in contact with both of these businesses to arrange for a photo and provide them with membership information and a plaque.
- 2) Only five businesses have yet to pay their **2018 Dues**. David and Kelley will work together to contact them about their renewal. Once completed, David will e-mail an

updated list to Lisa Niekamp Urwin to update the website and Kelley will order and mail the 2018 plates.

- 3) **Annual Chamber Banquet** ... David Romer and Josh Schmackers have established Monday, March 19 as the date for the annual banquet. They like the idea of offering businesses the opportunity to sponsor a table/s. This is in hope of increasing attendance at the banquet. Extra monies raised from sponsorships and a proposed live auction would benefit the St Henry Athletic Complex. Business sponsorships would receive special recognition that evening. A banquet invitation will be prepared and distributed to all chamber members and prominent community officials.
- 4) As sent to members earlier, a copy of the St Henry **Amphitheater Entertainment schedule** was reviewed and upon a motion made by Sharon Rindler, a donation in the amount of \$1,000 will be made to the organization. The motion was seconded by Lisa Niekamp Urwin, and passed by unanimous vote. This makes us a platinum sponsor, receiving recognition in the brochure, on a banner, and a name mention at each concert.
- 5) The Chamber received a letter from the St Henry After Prom Committee; Matt Lammers and Carol Bruns respectively made a motion and a second to donate \$100 toward the event. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- 1) No old business to discuss.

Nate Subler gave a "thank you" to **Jeff Piper** from **Gels Market**" for hosting the stress relief ... as Jeff vacationed in Florida!

Sharon Rindler was the winner of the **Pot of God** - \$22.00 ... ha, the secretary can win!

Lisa Niekamp Urwin made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Frank Urwin. Motion carried. Next meeting will be the annual Chamber Banquet, Monday, March 19, 2018. Let's all plan to attend!!

Sincerely,

*Sharon Rindler*

Secretary