



Place: Romer's Banquet Room

Date: 12/10/18

Members present: Sharon Rindler, Frank Urwin, David Romer, Kim Baumer, Nate Subler, Lisa Niekamp Urwin, Don Hess, Andy Schmitmeyer, Matt Lammers, Carol Bruns, Josh Schmackers, Donna Hess, Chuck Stammen, Karen Romer.

Matt Lammers called the meeting to order with introductions by the special guests who were present representing their organization as a donation recipient from the **St Henry/Granville Township Combined Drive**. Donations totaled \$18,553.00 (an increase of \$350 from 2017). Organizations present included: State of the Heart Hospice, Cancer Association of Mercer County, Historical Society of Mercer County, Mercer County Dare Program, Center for Neurological Development, St Henry Freedom Amphitheater Fund. All of the representatives expressed their appreciation for the donations and the efforts of the Chamber for handling the Fund Drive. The funds stay local in these organizations to benefit our neighbors, friends, children, etc. of our area communities. A complete summary of organizations and their total donation is attached to these minutes.

After a photo with the recipients, President Nate Subler continued the meeting with an invitation to approve the minutes from the November 12th meeting. Frank Urwin made a motion to approve the minutes as prepared, the motion was seconded by David Romer; it carried by unanimous vote.

David Romer provided an update on the account balances; checking \$868.14 and savings \$27,896.86, David asked for permission to help pay for the candy given out to Santa's visitors. Karen Romer made a motion to donate \$300; the motion received a second by Dan Hess. Motion carried.

Dues invoices have been sent via e-mail. David has received about 10 paid memberships already. For businesses that do not renew their membership via the e-mail notice, Sharon will follow up with a land-mailed invoice and an invitation to update their e-mail preferences. Once membership is renewed, TTT will e-mail a form inviting the business to participate in the "Business Spotlight" on the Chamber's Facebook Page. Sharon will send Lisa the list of new businesses that are not required to pay membership dues in 2019. David will send Lisa a list of paid members once a week. Businesses will be promoted on the Facebook page in the order that their Spotlight forms are completed and returned.

A tentative **2019 Meeting Calendar** was shared with members. It was decided to move the meetings to the first Monday of the month with the exception of a couple – one falling on a holiday and the other to coordinate with the Holiday Open House follow up meeting and prize drawing. Additionally, because we added a meeting in August to begin discussion of the Holiday Open House, it was suggested to eliminate the February meeting. Lisa Niekamp Urwin made a motion to approve the calendar with these changes; a second to the motion was made by Chuck Stammen. Motion carried. The 2019 Meeting Calendar will be distributed with the minutes of this meeting and again in January with that meeting agenda.

David Romer suggested that for future meetings, to limit the number of speakers to just two per meeting.

Frank Urwin made a motion to add Kim Baumer to the slate of nominees for Vice President, the motion was seconded by Chuck Stammen. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Members present voted and elected **Josch Schmackers, President** and **Kim Baumer, Vice President** for 2019.

Special thanks Karen Romer and **Romer's Catering**, for our meeting stress relief and Holiday Cheer - Ho! Ho! Ho!

Pot of Gold winner – Karen Romer ... \$28 **JINGLE ALL THE WAY!!**

Motion to adjourn was offered by Chuck Stammen; Frank Urwin seconded the motion, unanimously passed.

Sincerely,

Sharon Rindler

Secretary