



Place: Romer's Banquet Room  
Date: 10/16/2017

**Members present:** Karen Romer, Sharon Rindler, Matt Lammers, Lisa Niekamp Urwin, Don Hess, John Yoder, Kim Baumer, David Romer, Frank Urwin, Kelley Baker, Deb Hemmelgarn, Evelyn Grillot, Aaron Heilers, Carol Bruns, Ron Rindler, Josh Schmackers.

President, Frank Urwin called the meeting to order.

Frank opened the meeting by welcoming special guest, **Aaron Heilers**. Aaron is a lifelong resident of Shelby County and is currently running for Representative of the 84 District of the Ohio House of Representatives. He, with the help of his wife and two boys is a fourth generation farmer in the Anna area. Aaron campaigns on three values: Protect, Preserve, and Promote. He stressed a strong desire to PROTECT our rural communities and the timeless family values on which they were built which includes his relentless support of pro-life and pro-second amendment legislation. As a small business owner managing a grain farm & wine grape vineyard, Aaron is deeply invested in PRESERVING the 84<sup>th</sup> district's agricultural heritage by eliminating unnecessary regulation, encouraging innovation, and empowering farmers and small businesses. As a father and husband of a teacher, Aaron will PROMOTE quality educational opportunities and the value of work. Aaron will work tirelessly to PROMOTE economic opportunity and a well-educated work force in our communities to make this a place where our children want to live and work. Learn more about Aaron Heilers by visiting his website at [www.electheilers.com](http://www.electheilers.com).

**Treasure Report:** David Romer reported the following account balances ... Checking account - \$650.27 and Savings account - \$40,530.61;

No changes were requested to the **minutes** from the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. They were motioned for approval by Matt Lammers, and seconded by David Romer. Motion carried.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- 1) **Christmas Open House:** The Open House is scheduled for November 10, 11, & 12. Kim shared that 13 businesses will be open on those three days inviting shoppers in to sign up for prizes and get an early start on their holiday shopping. Plus, approximately 19 more vendors are set up inside of Romer's Hall. The Committee has collected \$5,500 in cash and prizes to be used for multiple gift basket prizes. Advertising includes posters to be placed in area businesses, ads in the wrapper section of the Daily Standard, ads on WCSM, HomeTown Cable, Facebook, and on the Chamber Website. Drawing for the prize baskets will take place during our November Chamber meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- 1) **Renewal of Chamber Non Profit Status:** David Romer mentioned that our renewal of the Chamber's non-profit status has been completed at a cost of \$850. Muhlenkamp & Associates, CPA, will be handling this annual renewal going forward to ensure timely filings.

- 2) **New Members:** Three businesses recently joined as St Henry Chamber Members: The Peoples Bank, Lip Sense (owned by Evelyn Grillot), and Sano (owned by Sara Evers).
- 3) The appeal notices for the **St Henry/Granville Township Combined Drive** were mailed out to all residents and businesses of the St Henry School District. Costs incurred for materials and mailing was - \$284.57. Consideration is being given to inviting donor recipients to attend the December meeting.
- 4) **SOCA Benefits:** Our St Henry Chamber is a member of SOCA – Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance. As a dues paying member, your business is able to take advantage of the benefits offered through SOCA. One of those benefits is SMALL BUSINESS GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE. Josh Schmackers shared that Stammen Insurance is a local agency that is now able to offer these group plans ... maybe lowering costs for your company or providing a new benefit for your employees. Contact Josh to see if this might be valuable for your business.
- 5) **Website Agreement:** Lisa Niekamp Urwin shared that due to newly implemented safety procedures, daily updates, and maintenance requirements performed by TTT, the annual fee for non-profit website management has increased from \$325 to \$600 annually. Kelley Baker made a motion to approve the contract for payment, Ron Rindler seconded; motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

- 1) **Village Money:** Discussion continued on rules for redeeming Village Money. It was decided that a letter will be drafted and sent along with the annual Membership Renewal Invoice (*Dues Invoice due date – Jan 31<sup>st</sup>*). The letter would explain to some, or be a reminder for others of what the Village Money is, how/where it is purchased and how it can be redeemed if brought into their place of business. A letter will be prepared and reviewed at the November meeting. (*the letter will include a list of all Chamber members*).

Frank reminded everyone that at the November meeting we will be drawing for the **Christmas Open House winners** and we will accept **nominations for 2018 offices**. The surest way to avoid getting nominated is to come to the meeting!!

Thank you to **"Homestretch Sportswear"** for hosting the stress relief – *Whoo-lah!!*

Deb Hemmelgarn was the winner of the **Pot of God!!** - \$28.00 – Lucky number 13!

Lisa Niekamp Urwin made the **motion to adjourn** the meeting, Karen Romer seconded; motion carried. Next meeting will be Monday, November 13, 2017, please join us.

Sincerely,

*Sharon Rindler*

Secretary