



Place: Romer's Banquet Room

Date: 3/13/17

Members present: Karen Romer, Sharon Rindler, Frank Urwin, Matt Lammers, David Romer, John Yoder, Nate Subler, Lisa Urwin, Karl Gast, Don Hess, Ron Rindler, Ann Garman, Chuck Stammen, Connie Buschur, Jeff Piper ... *guest speaker – Kathy Speelman*

President, Frank Urwin called the meeting to order.

Frank opened the meeting with an introduction of special guest speaker, **Kathryn Speelman**. Kathryn is a private practice attorney in Coldwater and acting judge for retiring Judge James Scheer. She is currently running in the upcoming Republican Primary election for Judge of the Celina Municipal Court. Kathryn and her family reside in Maria Stein.

As explained by Kathryn, the Celina Municipal Court is located up above the police station in the City Hall Building. The Municipal Court settles misdemeanor violations and holds initial hearings on many felony matters. It handles civil complaints up to \$15,000.00 and small claims complaints up to \$3,000.00. They processed 8,000 cases in 2016, 5,000 of those being traffic violations. Kathryn went on to explain the responsibilities and workings of the Common Pleas Court and the Probate Court. We wish Kathryn well in the upcoming election and encourage all members to support your candidate with a vote on May 2nd.

No changes were requested to the **minutes** from the February 13th meeting. They were motioned for approval by Matt Lammers and seconded by David Romer. Motion carried.

David gave an update on the finances: Checking balance - \$1,364.78, Savings - \$34,952.53.

Committee Reports:

1) **Membership / Welcome Committee:**

- a. John Yoder passed out "**2017**" **plates** to all businesses present. The dated plate adheres to the membership plaque. For businesses not present, plates will be mailed. Sharon Rindler will work with Kelley Baker on a letter to be mailed with all of the remaining date plates.
- b. For the remaining businesses who have not paid their 2017 dues, a letter will be mailed, inviting them to renew their membership. Chuck Stammen will work with David Romer on drafting this letter.

New Business:

- 1) We received an inquiry from **Renee Kinney of Mercer Health** in regard to discovering if there is any interest in St Henry businesses coming together to form a small consortium in which Mercer Health could assist in providing health screening/events. A copy of Renee's original e-mail is attached. We discussed the possibility of looking into what the SH school is presently doing in the way of a health and wellness program. If any Chamber business is strongly interested in beginning something like this, please get in contact with Sharon Rindler.

- 2) Chuck Stammen agreed to work again with help from Mark Stammen, Fish Mo, and Larry Heitkamp on gathering donors for the upcoming **St Henry Picnic Raffle Ticket**. After this year, Chuck will be recruiting new volunteers to take over this responsibility.
- 3) Pending confirmation, the annual **Spring Banquet** will once again be held in early May at the Mercer County Elks. Watch from more information coming soon. Chuck Stammen, David Romer and Jeff Piper will be on this committee.
- 4) Several **Upcoming Events** were shared by Chamber Members. See attachments for specific details – **then participate!!**
 - c. MICROSOFT EXCEL 2016 – Learn basic to intermediate skills
 - d. LUNCH AND LEARN – Six critical IT Security Protections
 - e. PETE ROSE STAG NIGHT – May 6th at Romer’s Catering, St Henry

Old Business:

- 1) As discussed last month, the Chamber has a list of items to be fulfilled in preparation for the **St Henry Picnic**. Those items have been listed below:
 - a. Contract with Table Company
 - b. Contract with Tent Company
 - c. Contract with Porta Pots Company
 - d. Contract with Restroom Company
 - e. Contract with Stage Rental Company
 - f. Coordinate Bleachers
 - g. Contract and Coordinate Schedule with WCSM
 - h. Contract with Dumpster Company
 - i. Contract with Insurance Company

Thank you to “**John Yoder from Edward Jones**” for hosting the stress relief - Ahhhhh!

Nate Subler was the winner of the **Pot of God** - \$26.00!

David Romer made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Don Hess. Motion carried. Next meeting will be Monday, April 10, 2017; with special **guest speaker Emily Gast Schlater** speaking on the topic of Business Succession.

Sincerely,

Sharon Rindler

Secretary