



Place: Romer's Catering

Date: 3-14-2016

Members present: Matt Lammers, David Romer, Frank Urwin, Ron Rindler, Sharon Rindler, Lisa Niekamp Urwin, Karen Romer, Karl Gast, Kylee Ranly, Sue Hemmelgarn, Charlie Gels, Ron Gelhaus, Chuck Stammen, Don Hess, Donna Hess, Rod Moorman

President Matt Lammers called the meeting to order.

The minutes from February 8, 2016, previously read individually by members were motioned for approval by Lisa and seconded by Charlie. Motion carried.

David gave an update on the financials: Checking balance - \$1,560.47; Savings balance - \$34,762.24

Committee Reports:

- 1) **Membership Committee:** We have one new member, Gilmore & Delzeith Co., they are a law firm with an office at 118 W Market Street in Celina. A welcome visit to their office will be scheduled.
- 2) **Website:** Lisa mentioned that the benefits page on the website has been updated. Also, scheduled guest speakers are being added to the calendar section of the web page.
- 3) **Banquet Committee:** The annual banquet is scheduled for May 9th at the Mercer County Elks, beginning with social hour at 6:30. Sharon will prepare and e-mail a formal invitation to all members. It was suggested to include on the invitation list, the Mercer County Commissioners, St Henry Mayor, Steve Koesters, and some of our special guest speakers, like Rod Moorman. Please contact Sharon to add other significant non-members.

Old Business:

New Business:

- 1) **2016 SH Picnic Ticket** – Discussion has been tabled until the next meeting.
- 2) **Invitation** – Brian Hogenkamp invited us to hold one of our chamber meetings at their new St Henry Funeral Home ... to have our dinner in their kitchen and tour their facility as part of our meeting. David will see if this is possible for the June meeting.
- 3) **Guest Speaker** – Rod Moorman, Career Pathway Coordinator, for Auglaize/Mercer Business-Education Alliance joined our meeting and shared information about the work he is doing with kids in the local school systems and the area businesses. Rod is bringing recognition and knowledge about area businesses to the kids to help them make informed decisions about their future. Creating events that allow kids to sit and talk with business representatives. Allowing businesses to share information about what they do, what they make, or the services they provide. The business representatives talk about what they're looking for in the people they hire, the skills and education required of

the people they hire ... the benefits of working locally, etc. The kids get to ask questions specific to that business – it's been a win-win for the businesses and the students.

Thank you to **Gels Market** for hosting the stress relief.

Pot of God won by Karl Gast!

Matt Lammers motioned to adjourn the meeting; Frank Urwin seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting is Monday, April 11, 2016 and will be sponsored by Stammen Insurance.

Sincerely,

Sharon Rindler

Secretary