



Place: Romer's Banquet Room

Date: 11-14-2016

**Members present:** Ron Gelhaus, Karen Romer, David Romer, Don Hess, Ann Garman, Sharon Rindler, Kimberly Baumer, John Knapke, Janice Knapke, Frank Urwin, Nate Bomholt, Renee Kinney, Eric Huelskamp, Chuck Stammen, Kelley Baker, Karl Gast, Connie Buschur, Matt Lammers, Ron Rindler

President, Matt Lammers called the meeting to order.

No changes were requested to the minutes from the October 17, 2016 meeting; minutes were motioned for approval by Karen, seconded by Janice.

David gave an update on the finances: Checking balance - \$362.00, Savings balance remains the same as last month - \$38,452.53

Committee Reports:

- 1) **Membership / Welcome Committee:** Kelley announced two new members; Roger and Karen Ranly, owners of **Poly Concepts**, located at 712 Ash St, St. Henry. They are manufacturers of resin outdoor furniture. Our second newest member is **Totally Fit**, owned by Deborah Mertz, she is located at 541 S Eastern Ave in St Henry. They are a fitness facility offering classes in Yoga, Step/Toning, Boot Camp, Pound and Tumbling/Cheer.

New Business:

- 1) **Mercer Health Wellness & Occupational Health Services** representative, Renee Kinney provided information about the many special services they offer to small and large businesses and industries designed to protect the health of employees and the integrity of the company. Specifically, they will design a program to meet the company's needs in ways to help increase productivity, decrease absenteeism, reduce work place injuries and illnesses to ultimately help control compensation and disability costs. Attached is brochure sharing more information about their team of people and the multitude of services they provide.
- 2) Eric Huelskamp, St Henry Booster Club President, attended the meeting to share information about the **St Henry Booster Athletic Complex** project that they are spearheading. In essence they intend to construct a new 19,400 sq ft all-purpose building for athletic, school, and community use. Attached is a brochure that depicts the needs and groups that they intend to support with this building. At an estimated cost of \$1.5M, the boosters are hoping to raise \$600,000 in cash and/or material from local businesses; another \$400,000 in cash from the community and the remaining balance to be paid by the Boosters Club. Eric is happy to meet one on one with any business to discuss the plans in greater detail and discuss giving opportunities. He can be reached at [sthenryboosterclub@hotmail.com](mailto:sthenryboosterclub@hotmail.com).
- 3) **Switch and Support** - two checks (\$53.48 & \$50.06) were received as a result of the energy share program. The Chamber will forward this amount to the Village office.

Old Business:

- 1) **Nomination of Officers** – Chuck made a motion; seconded by John Knapke, to nominate the following members for the respective positions. Each candidate is currently running unopposed.

**President** – Frank Urwin

**Vice President** – Nate Subler

**Treasurer** – David Romer

**Secretary** – Sharon Rindler

Anyone wishing to run for an office or make an additional nomination should please make your request known - voting takes place at the December meeting.

- 2) **Membership Dues** will remain unchanged for the upcoming year. To get the most from your \$60 membership fee, we encourage you to join our meetings where we gladly welcome your thoughts and ideas for making our community stronger for the good of our people and your business.
- 3) Kim Baumer deemed the **2016 Holiday Open House** a success. The weather was great and the stores were busy by the look of the completed registration slips. Great thanks to all of the businesses who donated toward the gift baskets and kept their stores open for shoppers. We all win when we get folks to shop locally!

**\$320 Prize Winners**

Rene Kleinhenz

Bill Langenkamp

Jodi Knouff

Jon Pottkotter

Ellie Bruggeman

Lynn Homan

**\$500 Prize Winner**

Kelsey Filadelfo

**\$800 Prize Winner**

Bev Clune

**\$1,000 Prize Winner**

Janelle Willmann

**\$1,300 Grand Prize Winner**

Debbie Elking

Thank you to, "**Homestretch Sportswear**" for hosting the stress relief – Cheers!

**Pot of God** won by Connie Buschur - \$32.00!

Matt motioned to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by David. Motion carried. Next meeting will be Monday, December 5, 2016.

Sincerely,

*Sharon Rindler*

Secretary