



Place: Romer's Banquet Room

Date: 1/8/2018

Members present: Kelley Baker, Eric Buschur, Tony Schwieterman, Josh Schmackers, Karen Romer, Sharon Rindler, Frank Urwin, Matt Lammers, David Romer, Nate Subler, Lisa Urwin, Karl Gast, Don Hess, & Ron Rindler

President, Nate Subler called the meeting to order.

Special guest speakers **Eric Buschur** and **Tony Schwieterman**, representatives of the *St Henry Athletic Boosters Club* provided an update on the progress of the athletic booster facility. The inception of an athletic facility came about because of needed renovations to the Wally Post Center and the lack of available gym space for various activities. Hence, plans for a 19,400 square foot all-purpose building for athletic, school, and community use has been proposed and fund raising has been in progress for the past year. The idea of a suspended walking track has been eliminated due to high costs. The club is looking to raise \$1.8 million for completion of the project. With raising just shy of \$1 million already, the Boosters have decided to begin construction when they reach the \$1.5 million mark. Based on some pending donations, they firmly believe they will be able to reach this goal in the very near future.

Discussion continued as Chamber members expressed a perceived belief of the community's desire to have a place for indoor walking. Although the suspended track has been eliminated, Eric and Tony thought there would be plenty of room to walk around the perimeter of the gym floor – most likely even if practices were going on. Others were very concerned about the honest, regular availability of facility use for the community. Eric was confident that the facility would be a shared space. With hopes that Chamber member's comments would be shared with the Booster Club Planning committee, David Romer made the announcement that a donation of \$10,000 had been approved at a previous meeting to assist with their fund raising efforts. A check was presented to the Booster Club.

No changes were made to the **minutes** from the December 14th meeting. A motion to approve them as written was made by Matt Lammers, seconded by Ron Rindler. Motion carried.

David gave an update on the **finances**: Checking balance - \$1,164.44, Savings - \$38,530.61 (*this balance includes the \$10,000 donation that is being made to the Booster Club*).

Committee Reports:

1) **Membership / Welcome Committee:**

- a. Nate Subler announced that **CA Group** has become a member of the Chamber. Kelley Baker has been in contact with them to arrange a photo for the paper and provide them with membership information and plaque.
- b. **2018 Dues** money continues to come in – approximately half of the members have paid their dues. David will follow up with those that are unpaid.

New Business:

- 1) Kelley asked if Charmaine Bettinger would be permitted to speak at the next meeting in addition to Julie Uhlenhake (***SH Swim Team***). We agreed to allow this. Charmaine is a project speaker for **A Park 4 all Abilities**.

Old Business:

- 1) **St Henry Combined Drive** ... Matt shared thank you letters sent from each of the following organizations who received a donation through funds collected during our annual drive: DARE, State of the Heart Health Care, Mercer County Historical Society, Cancer Association of Mercer County, Mercer County Civic Foundation *for SH Amphitheater Entertainment*.

Thank you to "**Frank Urwin from Ohio Indiana Roofing**" for hosting the stress relief –
Cheers to a prosperous New Year!

Kelley Baker was the winner of the **Pot of God** - \$24.00!

Frank Urwin made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by David Romer. Motion carried. Next meeting will be Monday, February 12, 2018.

Sincerely,

Sharon Rindler

Secretary