



Place: Romer's Banquet Room

Date: 10/15/18

Members present: Kelley Baker, Josh Schmackers, Karen Romer, Sharon Rindler, Frank Urwin, Matt Lammers, David Romer, Margie Jacobs, Janet Jacobs, Kim Baumer, Chuck Stammen, Nate Subler, Brad Piper, Lisa Niekamp Urwin, Jacob Rismiller, Pam Fishbaugh, Dr. Fishbaugh, Don Hess, Ron Rindler, Andy Schmitmeyer.

Special Guests: Rose Street, Matt Fox, Sharon Green, Sharon Vaughn

President, Nate Subler called the meeting to order and invited Prosecuting Attorney, Matt Fox to speak. Matt shared information proposed in the ballot language of **State Issue 1**. The issue proposes to reduce penalties for crimes of obtaining, possessing, and using illegal drugs. Matt stated that the proposal actually says a whole lot more than just that. A couple of information pieces were shared that tell of all the changes that would happen should issue 1 pass. Matt informed the group that this is a very important issue proposed for amendment to the Ohio Constitutional. A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass, current surveys show that the yes votes are winning. He encourages voters to read through the proposed amendment and learn all of what the amendment proposes to change. Additionally, "*vote NO on issue 1*" yard signs are being prepared and Matt is accepting volunteers to place a sign in their yard.

Sharon Vaughn from **St Henry Local Post Office** and Rose Street from the Toledo Office were present for the meeting and shared information and ideas for marketing mail pieces. The post office's online tool allows businesses the opportunity to find potential customers, reach them through specific mailing routes, and benefit from low per-piece postage with no need to print specific names and addresses. For more information check out their website at usps.com/everydoordirectmail – also refer to the attachments here.

Our third speaker for the evening was Sharon Green, Executive Director of the **Mercer County Council on Aging** providing information on the upcoming Senior Levy on the November 6th ballot. This is renewal levy and provides the income for 90% of their budget. Services are provided to Mercer County residents who are 60 and older, to help them remain as active and independent in their homes for as long as possible. A majority of the expense is used for transportation of seniors to medical appointments, grocery shopping, banking and meal sites. In addition, MCOA provides Chore services, Homemaker, and Outreach services. The council works with over 150 volunteers and serves anywhere for 40 – 100 people every day.

No changes were offered to the **minutes** from the September 10th meeting. They were motioned for approval by Frank Urwin and seconded by Matt Lammers. Motion carried.

David Romer gave an update on the **finances**: Checking balance - \$571.88, Savings - \$28,896.86. Additionally, David reported that four businesses have not paid their 2018 dues; Ciao Bella, Dean Moeller, St Henry Nite Club, & Versailles Winery. Sharon will forward these names to Matt at Tomorrow's Technology Today to ask him to remove them from the Chamber's website. We received an energy share check in the amount \$14 which will be forwarded to the Village office.

St Henry Picnic raffle ticket sales took in \$8244.00 (down slightly from last year) and the net profit was \$4,900 which was about \$500 less than last year.

Nate welcomed new member, **Bobcat of Mercer**. Representing Bobcat, were Jacob Rismiller and Brad Piper. Bobcat of Mercer is located at the corner of St Rt 127 and St Rt 119. They offer equipment sales and rental and will be a full service department.

An update on the **Holiday Open House** was provided by Kim Baumer. We have 15 business locations for shoppers to visit, on November 9th, 10th, and/or 11th. Posters are being printed and will be hung in and around the St Henry area. Gift baskets are being assembled and will be similar in value to those of previous years. Kim requested to have the drawing for the prize baskets at our next Chamber meeting. It was decided to move the November meeting up one week in order to have the drawing promptly after the Open House event. The November meeting will be held on Monday, November 12th.

Thank you to "**Ron Rindler of Rindler Truss**" for hosting the stress relief – sip, sip, mmmmm!

Sharon Rindler was the winner of the **Pot of God** - \$44.00 ... whoola!

A prize package of a breast cancer awareness **scarf and book of stamps** donated by the Post Office was won by Nate Subler – very nice!

Matt Lammers made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Kelley Baker. Motion carried.
Next meeting will be November 12, 2018.

Sincerely,

Sharon Rindler

Secretary