



Place: Romer's Banquet Room

Date: 11/12/18

Members present: Sharon Rindler, Kelley Baker, Frank Urwin, David Romer, Kim Baumer, Nate Subler, Lisa Niekamp Urwin, Don Hess, Ron Rindler, Andy Schmitmeyer, Evelyn Grillot.

President, Nate Subler called the meeting to order with an invitation to review and approve the minutes for the October 15th meeting. Kelley Baker motioned to approved the minutes as prepared and the motion was seconded by Frank Urwin; it carried by unanimous vote.

David Romer provided an update on the account balances; checking \$348.62 and savings \$28,896.86

The **Holiday Open House** was deemed successful by committee member, Kim Baumer. The weather was nice and the crowds were good. Advertising was done in the wrapper section of The Daily Standard. Maps and posters were distributed throughout the town, and an additional avenue of advertising was tried on Facebook. We reached over 10,000 people through the Facebook page. We attracted shoppers from Versailles and Ansonia areas. The committee may consider a direct mail piece net year.

Five names were drawn from each of the 15 participating Open House businesses accepting registrations. Ten prize winners were then drawn from these 75 entry tickets. The winners will be contacted and meet at Tomorrows Technology Today on Thursday for a photo. They will be presented with their baskets and given a short explanation of the contents and how to use the certificates.

- 10) Rita Hemmelgarn - \$320.00
- 9) Betty Feltz - \$320.00
- 8) Anita Hemmelgarn - \$320.00
- 7) Tim Bensman - \$320.00
- 6) Lavern Wolters - \$320.00
- 5) John Rosenbeck - \$320.00
- 4) Brittney Siefring - \$500.00
- 3) Paulette Bruening - \$800.00
- 2) Julia Kremer - \$1,000.00
- 1) Zach Guggenbiller - \$1,300.00

Combined Drive Fund Raiser - David Romer will talk to Matt Lammers about inviting donation recipients to our December Meeting for the presentation of checks. Kim suggested on future mailings, that we include a brief explanation of who/what the combined charities are. In Kim's home, her husband opened the mail piece and had no clue what he was supposed the do with this slip of paper that had a list of organizations on it. David will communicate this to Matt.

Discussion and then nominations were made for 2019 offices. Frank Urwin made a motion to accept the slate of nominees to be as follows:

President – Josh Schmackers

Vice President – Andy Schmitmeyer

Treasurer – David Romer
Secretary – Sharon Rindler

Lisa Niekamp Urwin seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the motion carried. Voting will take place at the December meeting.

A number of people responded to our invitation to be a **Stress Relief Sponsor** at an upcoming meeting. Sharon will prepare a list and make follow up calls to fill in any of the remaining months.

In new business, Kim proposed the idea of featuring one member a week on our Chamber Facebook Page (***spotlight on your business***). Members present like the idea enough that we will give it a try beginning in the new year as membership renewals come in. Once dues are paid, members will receive a document to fill out and return with their business information and photos from their business that we can post to the Facebook page. We will try to post them in an alphabetical order by business name. Lisa will help prepare a document that can be completed on-line and returned for posting to the Facebook page.

Membership dues will remain the same for 2019 - \$60. Sharon will e-mail all members a notice for payment. Those that do not pay will receive a reminder via land mail.

Thank you to Kim Baumer and Don Hess of **Homestretch Sportswear**, our stress relief sponsor – MUCH thanks!

Pot of Gold winner of \$20 was taken home by Evelyn Grillot ... Cha-ching!!

Sincerely,

Sharon Rindler

Secretary