



Place: Three Generations Restaurant

Date: 3/4/2019

**Members present:** Kim Baumer, Sharon Rindler, Frank Urwin, David Romer, Andy Schmitmeyer, Matt Lammers, Josh Schmackers, Karen Romer, Kelley Baker, Ron Rindler, Renee Wittington, Carol Bruns, Leah Koesters, Janet Jacobs, John Yoder, Don Hess, Margie Jacobs

Chamber President, Josh Schmackers called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Matt Lammers made a motion to approve the minutes as written; the motion was seconded by Frank Urwin and passed with a unanimous vote.

David Romer provided an update on the account balances; checking \$2,632.47 and savings \$27,896.86. David mentioned that all but eight members have renewed their memberships for 2019. Those businesses will receive a follow up call from a volunteer at the meeting. Our newest members are Buehlers Meats in St Henry and Pla Mor Lanes in Coldwater. The membership committee was thanked for the timeliness of distributing the 2019 plaques/plates. The plaques are being noticed in the local businesses and shops! All memberships are appreciated and valued.

Facebook Business Spotlight; Leah Koesters has been reaching out to 2019 members inviting them to participate in this free publicity of their business. Information sheets are starting to come back in and a different business will be recognized each week as their form is returned. Additionally, businesses are encouraged to share special promotions, celebrations and announcements on the Chamber's website. More information will be forthcoming on how you can get more advertising with your chamber membership.

2019 Member Banquet is slated for Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Mercer County Elks. Once again whole tables can be purchased to include more of your business associates or special guests. Banquet details will be sent via e-mail very soon. David suggested that monies raised from the sale of tables be donated to the St Henry Booster Athletic Complex; same as last year.

Amphitheater Schedule for 2019 has been finalized and their committee is looking for donations of all sizes. Sharon Rindler made a motion to donate \$1,000 toward entertainment costs. Kelley Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An invitation was received from the St Henry After Prom committee to help fund their event. Frank Urwin made a motion to donate \$100.00, Matt Lammers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion continued at length regarding the pricing and prizes for the St Henry Picnic Raffle Ticket. After much discussion, the group decided to mail 9 tickets to every St Henry School District resident and surrounding area with pricing set at 1 ticket for \$5, or 3 tickets for \$10. We are hopeful that all 9 tickets will be purchased. John Yoder made a motion for the Chamber to donate no prize on the raffle ticket. Janet Jacobs seconded the motion ... the motion carried. Because of the repricing of the tickets, we are suggesting that the minimum prize amount be set at \$50.

There is approximately \$870 in unredeemed Village Money. Sharon Rindler made a motion that those dollars be put into the Chamber's account. The motion was seconded by Margie Jacobs and passed by unanimous vote.

David informed the committee that an invoice in the amount of \$600 will be paid to Tomorrows Technology Today for annual maintenance of the Website. Conversation and brainstorming ensued on how we can use social media to promote the St Henry Picnic, the raffle ticket sales, and our local businesses and Chamber Activities. We discussed the possibilities of on line raffle ticket purchases. Many ideas were discussed and Leah promised to put together an action plan for implementing some of these ideas. Her information will be shared in the near future.

Special thanks to 3 Generations Restaurant for hosting the meeting and providing the food for our hungry attendees. A huge "THANK YOU" to **Beckman & Gast** for sponsoring the evenings Stress Relief.

Pot of Gold winner – Ron Rindler; \$34 ... Big Money!!

Carol Bruns made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Leah Koesters seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sharon Rindler*

Secretary