



Place: Romers Catering, Gathering Room

Date: 5/6/2019

**Members present:** Lisa Niekamp Urwin, Kim Baumer, Sharon Rindler, Frank Urwin, Josh Schmackers, Karen Romer, Kelley Baker, Leah Koesters, John Yoder, Frank Arling, Nate Subler

Chamber President, Josh Schmackers called the meeting to order and welcomed special guests Barb Bell and Erica Wood from **State of the Heart Health Care**. In appreciation of the Chamber's efforts to collect money during the annual Combined Drive, State of the Heart representatives wanted to come to a meeting to share how they use the funds they receive.

State of the Heart began as a volunteer group and has evolved into a holistic health care agency providing care to any member of the community experiencing a chronic or life-limiting illness, and to individuals dealing with the passing of a loved one. Their team of caregivers include: RNs, LPNs, nurses aids, social workers, music therapists, bereavement specialists, chaplains, and admissions staff. Plus they have a whole team of volunteers that give freely of their time to support patients and their families.

While many of the services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or most private insurances, numerous other services are provided only through the generous support of donors and two major fund raisers each year. Specific donations can be made to Giving Tuesday, Memorial Donations, Shining Star, Women's Giving Circle, Camp Encourage, or the Care Center.

Erica and Barb expressed great appreciation to our organization for our efforts in helping to collect funds. To learn more about State of the Heart, search for [www.stateoftheheartcare.org](http://www.stateoftheheartcare.org) on the internet.

John Yoder continued the meeting by sharing and inviting the Chamber to participate in **Ohio Business Week**. Ohio Business Week is a week-long business camp at Ohio University in Athens, where high school students practice tackling authentic business challenges while having a real college experience. It is open to high school students with a C+ or higher grade point average, who have been endorsed by the high school. John is working with Donna Rindler, SH High School Business Teacher to seek out a promising candidate. The cost to participate is \$949 ... \$500 coming from a local business, civic organization, or foundation. The remaining \$449 can be paid by the student, possible financial aid, or the student can do their own fund raising to help cover the cost. Kelley Baker made a motion to donate \$500 for an eligible St Henry student to participate in this event. The motion was seconded by Frank Urwin. Motion carried.

108 people were in attendance for the annual **Chamber Banquet**. It was very good attendance and the food and entertainment we excellent. The idea of sponsoring a table seems to work well with the hope of introducing the chamber to a potential new member or treating a group of co-workers to an evening out. Approximately \$1100 will be donated to help fund the St Henry Athletic Complex.

The Chamber's **Business Spotlights** continue to be posted to our Facebook page. Everyone who has replied to the questionnaire has been posted to the Facebook page; we are starting to cycle back through the list ... good news for those that have already replied!

Sharon Rindler will work with Josh Schmackers to draft an e-mail message to all members letting them know that we are going to be contacting them for a donation on the **St Henry Picnic Raffle Ticket**. The committee agreed that we should pursue the idea of establishing a Venmo account to help sell tickets at the St Henry Picnic and on the Chamber Website, etc. Leah will talk with David to confirm that this is manageable.

Karen Romer distributed brochures for the **Summer Concert Series** at the St Henry Freedom Amphitheater. Costs have been completely covered and the entertainment line-up is extraordinary!

The \$20 **Pot of Gold** winner is Kelley Baker – Spring has Sprung!

Huge thanks to **Tomorrow's Technology Today** for being the evening drink sponsor!

Frank Urwin made a motion to adjourn the meeting; a second was made by John Yoder, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sharon Rindler*

Secretary