



Place: Romer's Banquet Room

Date: 11/16/2020

Members present: Kim Baumer, Sharon Rindler, David Romer, Frank Urwin, Ryan Lange, Deborah Mertz, Kelley Baker, Matt Lammers, Karen Romer, Eydie Kremer, Carol Bruns, Lisa Niekamp Urwin

Special Guest: Julie Klein, is the new Administrator for The Gardens and she came as a guest with Kelley Baker. While Julie is new to the area, making the move from Columbus, she brings a tremendous amount of knowledge and a long history of experience in the senior care industry. She has been working with senior living since her college graduation!

President, Kim Baumer called the meeting to order. **Minutes** from the October 5th meeting were approved as written. Kelley Baker made the motion for approval, the motion was seconded by Eydie Kremer and passed by unanimous vote.

Treasure's Report: David Romer reported \$658.31 in our checking account, and \$30,924.18 in the savings account.

Membership Renewal Notices will be sent out shortly via e-mail by David Romer. The dues will remain the same cost - \$60.00. Renewal notices will go out to all existing members. An additional letter of invitation to join the Chamber will be sent to area businesses who are currently not a Chamber member. Kim will be working to create an e-mail list of these businesses. We will still plan to conduct a Member Benefits Webinar in February. Lisa Niekamp Urwin will host the webinar. Sharon Rindler will help with the drafting of the renewal letters.

In reviewing the **Meeting Schedule for 2021**, we decided to book a February meeting in 2021 and keep July free of a meeting due to the activities of the St Henry Picnic. Possible guest speakers in 2021 might be the School Superintendent, Julie Garke or Village Administrator, Stan Sutter.

The **Christmas "week-long" Open House**, was deemed successful. We were hoping for a little better foot traffic on Sunday, but the weather was very nasty and certainly played a part. Eighteen businesses displayed an elf in their store holding a letter/number/symbol. In addition to bargain hunting, shoppers were looking for letters to fill in the blanks on their prize entry card. Thirty cards were successfully completed and entered for the elf puzzle prize basket. All other entries were considered for the remaining gift baskets. The advertising costs came in slightly higher than expected; Karen Romer made a motion to approve an additional \$126.00 to help cover expenses. Eydie Kremer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Over \$6,000 in prizes were awarded - \$1,500 of that being village money. Here is a list of the winners:

Prize Winners:

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| 1) \$1,500 – Kathy Naseman | 2) \$1,200 – Evan Diller |
| 3) \$1,000 – Ginny Gerlach | 4) \$600 – Mike Moeder |
| 5) \$400 – Jenna Lennartz | 6) \$300 – Pat Pottkotter |
| 7) \$300 – Peg Schlosser | 8) \$300 – Kristy Schulze |
| 9) \$300 – Alanna Mescher | 10) \$300 – Brian Wuebker |

In regard to **Election of Officers**, the Vice President and Treasurer seats remain the same for 2021, the office of Secretary is open and Sharon Rindler has nominated Eydie Kremer. The office of Secretary will be voted on at the December meeting.

The **Combined Drive** totals for 2020 exceeded last year's totals ... Hip, Hip, Hooray! Another consecutive year of record-breaking donations. This is wonderful news for the many organizations on the list and noble project that the Chamber manages. Review of totals and check presentation will take place at our December meeting.

Ryan Lange did the honors of drawing for the **Pot of Gold** winner — I JUST DON'T KNOW He-drew-his-own-name!! \$26 ... **Congratulations Ryan!**

Thank you to HOMESTRETCH for hosting our meeting "stress relief" ... A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Eydie Kremer, Seconded by Frank Urwin. Motion carried.

Minutes taken and prepared by

Sharon Rindler

Secretary