



Place: Romer's Catering, Banquet Room

Date: 3/1/2021

Members present: Kim Baumer, Eydie Kremer, Karen Romer, Lisa Niekamp-Urwin, Frank Urwin, John Yoder, Karl Gast, Matt Lammers, Ryan Lange, Josh Schmackers, Sharon Rindler, Ron Rindler, Deb Mertz, David Romer, Kelley Baker.

President, Kim Baumer called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the February 1st, 2021 meeting were approved following a motion from Lisa and a second by Matt.

Treasure's Report - David gave an update of accounts. Dues are coming in, a few more to collect and he'll reach out to those members.

John Yoder and Ryan Lange from Edward Jones gave a presentation on retirement options for small businesses. The goal is to attract and retain employees, offering a retirement plan can be part of a total compensation packet. Challenge on how to keep your business growing and save for your retirement plan as an owner. There are tax benefits to keep in mind, for both you and your survivors. John and Ryan can provide planning to include your business, your employees, your exit strategy and your family. A simple IRA as a small business owner is a good place to start as well as a 401K. They are willing to help any business owner, stop and see them! Attached are the handouts they provided.

Josh and David gave an update on the banquet to be held **Monday April 12th** at Romer's in SH. It will begin at 6:00 with dinner at 7:00. He will reach out to Kelley for local entertainment options. We will again offer table sponsors, table of 8 for \$100/table. A flyer will be sent to local businesses, proceeds will be donated. Please consider attending to network with fellow business owners and enjoy an evening with great food and entertainment!!

We discussed the Chamber Facebook page. We would like a stronger presence on social media, possibility of tying FB to Instagram and/or Twitter. Kim wondered if we could feature a local business spotlight or highlight local business on our page when they have something new to share. Lisa offered to work with Amy at TTT to get something posted.

Matt shared the SH picnic is being discussed in two weeks. He talked about the desire to have a full picnic this July. If we have booths it was decided to have a Chamber chance board.

Deb indicated there may be a St Paddy parade and celebration on March 21st. More details as they arrive from the state. Stay tuned...

Lisa gave an update on Chamber benefits. Discussion about Chamber membership and insurance plans. Discounts of workers compensation.

The pot of gold was won by Kelley. Congrats.

Thanks to Beckman and Gast for our Stress Reliever!

Motion to adjourn was made by Frank and seconded by John.

Our next regular meeting is Monday May 3rd at Romer's. Reminder the banquet is April 12th. Please come and join us!

Eydie Kremer
Chamber Secretary