



Place: Romer's Catering, Banquet Room

Date: 8/2/2021

**Members present:** Kim Baumer, Eydie Kremer, Denise Froning, Lisa Niekamp-Urwin, Frank Urwin, John Yoder, Kelley Baker, Josh Schmackers, Stan Sutter, Deb Mertz, Michelle Dues, Mike Rule, Teri Gast, Dan and Theresa Lennartz.

President, Kim Baumer called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting were approved following a motion from Sharon and a second by Frank.

Theresa Lennartz talked about the SH Quick Stop and shared menus and their various offerings. They also have a website for online orders. They own Bright Future Daycare, they're full with a waiting list. Also talked about the painting and purchase of the Mercer Beverage building. She asked if there would be any interest in having a community garden, as they have a lot by Stachler concrete. Stan said Coldwater has one that's successful, more discussion about making this happen for the Village. Dan talked about his career path, he shared the products they provide, racking and conveyors. They fabricate all the hangers for Tractor Supply warehouses and his group travels all over the US for the Gap company. They are onsite for several months at a time, presently they employ around 65 full time employees and many subcontractors. Right now, the lack of computer chips and supplies are an issue. Cruiser products is another of their business, they make poultry carts for that industry and they also make small scissor lifts. FY Industries deals with empty pallets for Tractor Supply to improve automation. He discussed how the logistics companies are taking over warehouse operations.

We had no Treasure's report or update on the picnic.

It was suggested to have a first aid kit at the booth at the picnic as folks seem to gravitate to the booth with questions and/or Band-Aids...

We discussed redoing the Village maps every other year. If you need any, they're available at the Village office (as soon as Stan finds them 😊). It was suggested the date is put on the map, so we know when they were published and can be sure to add all new businesses as they move into the Village.

Deb Mertz talked about her cafe opening this fall and shared Brittany Buening NP will have an office in her building. They were able to make this connection at our February Chamber meeting. Networking at its finest!!

We a budget for the holiday Open House, which are November 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. It was moved for the Chamber to cover the cost of the direct mailer; this would be set at \$1,000. Frank moved and Kelley seconded the motion. More information will be shared at the next meeting.

Website is being updated by Lisa, if you see anything incorrect on the website please reach out to Lisa or Kim to be corrected.

Josh won the pot of gold!

Thanks to the Gardens of SH for sponsoring our stress reliever.

Lisa motioned to adjourn, and Sharon seconded.

Our next meeting will be September 13, 2021.

*Eydie Kremer  
Chamber Secretary*