

Place: Wendelin 2.0 Date: 11/15/2021

**Members present:** Kim Baumer, Eydie Kremer, Karen Romer, Neil Romer, Lisa Niekamp-Urwin, Frank Urwin, Ron Rindler, John Yoder, Michelle Dues, Kelley Baker, Mike Roll, Sharon Rindler, Stan Sutter and Brittany Buening.

President, Kim Baumer called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the October 4, 2021 meeting were approved following a motion from Sharon and seconded by Brittany.

David emailed the Treasurers report. It was recommended to keep the dues at \$60 for 2022. All agreed.

Kim talked about the Holiday Open House and the success of finding the elf. The winners were drawn:

The following won a \$300 basket:

10<sup>th</sup> Dane Wellman 9<sup>th</sup> Joanne Steinbrunner 8<sup>th</sup> Joan Schwieterman 7<sup>th</sup> Ted Woods 6<sup>th</sup> Janel Thobe

Other winners were as follows:

5<sup>th</sup> Jeff Davis \$400 4th Ann Holdheide \$600 3<sup>rd</sup> Karen Ontrop \$1000 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacy Link \$1200

Grand prize:

1st Mary Hierholzer \$1500

Winners will be notified this week and prizes will be awarded at a local business.

Jeff and Kira Dale from Wendelin 2.0 provided dinner and gave the group an update on their business. Kira used to work at Wendelin and 3G's as a waitress, they decided to purchase Wendelin in September. They made improvements (it looks great) and opened nine days later as Wendelin 2.0 – Kira's mom was our waitress and did a great job taking care of us. They have 20 employees, quite a few high school and college students. They are experiencing a shortage of supplies, familiar theme. Most of the revenue is from the food and not the bar crowd, trying to have a family atmosphere. They are featuring some bands in the coming weeks. They are open from 10:30 to 10:00 every day and later on the weekends, there are daily specials posted on their website. Jeff and Kira have worked in different restaurants and are happy to create new things in the kitchen. They are looking at doing some dinner theater and some cover bands. The pizza was delicious, come out and support them!

Joe Wassink, Vice President for Advancement, from WOSN Channel 44 gave a presentation on funding for local programming. He has history covering our area and gave some examples of games he covered and events he participated in. They're a Christian TV station and are in their 40<sup>th</sup> year of broadcasting. Their mission statement is as follows - WOSN exits as a sports media platform for the purpose of advancing the spiritual, physical and character development of local student athletes throughout West Ohio. They cover 85 schools, and 372 events were broadcasted last year. They offer a live streaming service also, which went back to the schools for lost revenue due to the pandemic. He shared their revenue and expenses; they are looking for some funding from local businesses.

Deb said the Cozy Cabin is now open and shared her hours are 5:00 until 2:00 currently. Weekend hours are 8-2 on Saturday and Sunday 9-2. Seating inside is 32 and they also have a patio. Gift cards are available as are merchandise and bagged coffee.

Brittany will have her NP practice, Rooted in Wellness open Monday, waiting on a few insurance and lab issues to be resolved. She occupies part of the Cozy Cabin building.

We're looking for a Chamber VP - anyone interested please let us know. Vote will be taken next meeting. We discussed nominating (and approving) someone not in attendance, so plan to be at December meeting so you can say no...

Mike won the pot of gold, total was \$30.00.

Homestretch was our drink sponsor, thank you to them!

Meeting was adjourned by John and seconded by Lisa.

Next meeting is December 6<sup>th</sup> at Romers.

Eydie Kremer Chamber Secretary