

Place: Romers Party Room

Date: 03/07/23

Members present: John Yoder, Eydie Kremer, Kelley Baker, Stan Sutter, Jenn Bruns, Sharon Rindler, Jackie Muhlenkamp, Karen Romer, Pam Fishbaugh, Jodi Stammen and David Romer.

President John Yoder called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the February meeting were approved by Michelle and seconded by Karen.

Our guest speaker was Alan Siefring from Racing for Relief. The program began in 2014 and involves go cart racing. Many members of the local communities are represented. Mission is to provide financial assistance to local emergency responders in both Mercer and Darke county. They do four fundraisers per year, including the 50-50 drawing at Eldora in conjunction with the Tony Stewart foundation. There are sponsorship opportunities available, if interested please contact Alan at racing4relief@gmail.com . Scholarships are given to volunteer's children, and they also provide electronic help to local racing events. \$695,100 has been donated since the organization's inception. Some of the grants include purchasing the training trailer at SH fire department, grain bin rescue tubes and cots for the EMS departments.

David gave the treasures report, we voted to donate \$1,000 to the SH Amphitheater. We have eight unpaid dues; we'll contact those members.

Our speaker for May will be Sara Evers with Cheeseman Trucking and Beth Butler at VentureLinx at our June meeting.

The spring banquet will April 17th at the Mercer County Elks. Invitation and details have been sent under a separate email. Please consider joining us for a very relaxed and enjoyable evening.

Picnic update will be reviewed at our next meeting. We're planning a meet and greet an evening this fall.

Kelley won the Pot of Gold - congrats!

Sharon motioned to adjourn, and Karen seconded it.

Next meeting will be our annual banquet on Monday April 17th at the Mercer Elks Golf Club

Eydie Kremer Chamber Secretary