

Remus DDA Board Meeting January 16, 5:00 Meeting called to order at 5:15 by Dee Powell President

Members Present: Dee Powell, Nila Simon, Tom Vansyckle, Amy Noggle, Denise Reichert, Guest Cindy Havens

Motion to accept minutes from November 2022 meeting made by Amy Noggle, seconded by Dee all in favor motion carried.

Bank Balance as of 1/1/23 \$21,278.95. presented by Dee, motion made to approve balance in checkbook by Nila Simon, seconded by Amy Noggle, all in agreement. Motion also made to approve all expenders by Nila Simon, seconded by Dee Powell, all in favor motion carried.

Current Business discussion and overview:

CHSD Update: Nothing to update

Kitchen Equipment Pavilion: The board looked over some options of receiving equipment from the Remus Mosaic school, verse buying equipment now and closing this project. A motion was mad by Dee Powel to authorize Denise to buy what she thought the kitchen would need in the amount of \$5000, seconded by Nia, all in favor the motion carried. The hopes are to have the kitchen equipped by the seasonal renting season.

Memorial Scattering Garden: Nila reported that the memorial wall is up, Wernette Masonry will be finishing up the concrete pad and sidewalk in the spring. The landscaping for the project was discussed, we will be placing a tree at the site in memory of Bill Lipar the past president, tree options were discussed. Nila will be brining to the board some options.

Remus Business Highlight: Leprino Foods will be the highlighted business in February.

New Business Discussed:

1. **Recycling:** Dee is still looking into recycling ideas and ways to make this part of our community. Partnering up with Morton township and their facility is a great possibility moving forward on this project.
2. **Grand Openings:** Ann Marie's Café' Grand opening took place after our meeting. We are very excited to welcome them to the community. We are still waiting on Bandit for a time to do their Grand Opening at the Trelan Location
3. **Holiday preparations:** Denise reported the breakfast with Santa went well. She would like to buy larger stuffed animals for the 2023 handout. The combination of the lion's club, fire department and dda on this project went over well.
4. **Veterans Wall:** Tom mentioned a possible location for the Veterans memorial, Dar will be in contact with Tom to discuss the location and plans moving forward on this project.
5. **Input Survey:** Dee generated a survey monkey asking business what they would like to see in the DDA as far as meeting times, locations, etc. Few were filled out and back at the time of the meeting. Discussions of how to generate the survey to help business awareness of the information was discussed. At this time the few reply's we did gather suggested that they would like the starting meeting time to be 5, verse 6. Dee made a motion to change the starting time of the meetings to 5, in hopes to attract more participation Denise seconded all in favor, motion carried.
6. **Business Directory:** Nila had suggested that we have some sort of business directory at the four entering points of Remus or at a central location downtown, much like a mall has a directory of business in the mall and locations. Ideas were discussed, and everyone was is in favor of this idea moving forward. We will gather information and ideas.
7. **Wheatland Welcome:** Cindy Havens suggested we have a welcome Wheaties sign, or some sort of welcome to the Wheat landers when entering town. An over the road sign was suggested along with banners made by the Wheat landers that could be hung to welcome them and notify the public of the event. Nila offered to contact Lola at the Wheatland township office and see if there was any interest in having a banner designing event.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dee Powell, seconded by Denise, all in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:30

Next Meeting scheduled for February 20th, 5:00 pm.

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