



**General Membership Meeting
The Brick Pizzeria, Lounge & Arcade
November 21, 2013**

- I. Call to Order and Welcome**
 - a. D. Smith called meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. President's Report**
 - a. Met with Waste Management representatives last week, they will be joining Chamber; they are also willing to do a Spring tour for those interested.
 - b. Welcome Carol Mulholland from Sparta Community Hospital and Christie from the Marissa office.
- IV. Secretary's Report**
 - a. Attendance: 13 members present
 - b. Minutes: M. VanDeusen made a motion to approve the October 17th meeting minutes; second by R. Elser. Motion carried.
 - c. Correspondence:
 - i. IL Charitable Organization Annual Report Form AG990-IL
 - ii. Rockford Mutual Insurance Company Amended Insurance Declaration [3]
 - iii. Chlystek and White Services - Rockford Mutual General Liability Policy Audit
 - d. Checks:
 1. Grape Stomp 5K t-shirt sponsor [1] – Village of Marissa
 2. Grape Stomp 5K [2] – Active Network \$80 & \$40
 3. Tootin' Around Marissa [2] – Active Network \$62 & \$40
 - e. Bills:
 1. Herald Publications – 2x4 ad for Toast – \$75.00
 2. County Journal – Tootin Around and Toast ads – \$337.50
 3. Marissa Food Mart – October Statement – \$376.10
 4. Freeburg Printing – 2 3x4 ads Toast - \$151.20
 5. Freeburg Printing – 1 3x4 ad Toast (Nov 7) - \$75.60
 - f. Membership Application [1] – Ambit Energy Independent Consultants (Pat Miesner) \$40
- V. Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. R. Elser made a motion to approve the October Treasurer's Report; second by D. Rushing. Motion carried.
- VI. Committee Reports**
 - a. **Annual Dinner** – January 25th – K. Wright/D. Smith
 - i. Theme: Red Carpet Affair – dress up or come as your favorite movie character
 - ii. Entertainment: DJ (Jessie) is booked; looking for other entertainment as well
 - iii. **MVP Award:** Taking nominations now; get applications to D. Smith by January 3rd
 - b. **Finance** – R. Owen
 - i. Buck-lo finished the reports and they have all been filed on time; \$325
 - ii. **Alberta Hamilton Grant** – R. Elser – no report
 - c. **Membership/Welcoming** – K. Wright/D. Rushing
 - i. New members - Patrick, Waste Management, Timeout (Coulterville).
 - ii. There is a new cabinet shop open in town on Rte 13 next to Marissa Mini Storage.
 - d. **PR/Marketing**
 - i. LED has been updated
 - ii. Facebook updated – promoting Small Business Saturday, Secret Santa Crawl, and other local events. 902 friends.
 - iii. Website up to date.

- iv. Working on an article about the Toast.
- e. **Secret Santa Crawl** – Sat. Dec 7th – K. Wissehr/L. McMahon
 - i. Bus and stops have all been confirmed; see flyer for all the info
 - ii. Food boxes will be picked up on Dec 15th and delivered to the Food Pantry Dec 18th
 - iii. R. Elser made a motion to give \$100 to the food pantry for holiday season needs; second by R. Owen. Motion carried.
- f. **Shooting Complex Liaison** – K. Wright
 - i. All the events are about over out there
 - ii. 8x10 Marissa Chamber sign is still up out there
- g. **Small Business Initiative** – K. Wissehr/R. Elser
 - i. Saturday, Nov 30th is Small Business Saturday – AMEX has fliers on their website you can print to help promote
- h. **Toast of Marissa** – M. Minks
 - i. 12-1500 people were in attendance
 - ii. Don't have final figure but \$3,500 profit is expected; get any bills to R. Elser as soon as possible
 - iii. Lady from Chicago called and wants the winning cookie recipe
 - iv. Will be re-thinking the bathroom strategies for next year
 - v. **Grape Stomp 5K** – S. Gilley/S. Wright
 - 1. 118 registered
 - 2. Have some XL and L shirts left for sale at \$12 each see S. Gilley; also have some M and L shirts from Tootin – see K. Wright
- i. **Village Liaison** – J. Wright – No Report

VII. Old Business

- a. **Alberta Hamilton Project** – Art Lighting – J. Wright – tabled
- b. **Trunk or Treat** – S. Huckfeldt / J. Wright
 - i. Very good turn out. Gave out over 400 pieces of candy and still ran out; last heard there were close to 500 kids this year
- c. **Project 500** – Mark VanDeusen
 - i. Property is owned by a lady from out of town; spoke with her representative; there are some issues with the property that she has not been able to afford to address; due to those issues she has not been able to establish a business there as planned; at this time the owner is willing to lease the property long term. M. VanDeusen will pass his findings on to the Board by their next meeting (December 5th) for further discussion and consideration before presenting to the Village Board.

VIII. New Business

- a. **Portable Sign near Style Seller**
 - i. Missing the arrow and backlighting can't be used because the power cord doesn't reach the power supply. Decided to keep using as is until it falls apart completely.
- b. **2014 Committee Sign-Up**
 - i. List of all the committees can be found on the Chamber website. Will have sign-up sheet at December meeting
- c. **Marissa Coal Festival 2014**
 - i. Theme: Around the World; Marshal – local exchange students.
 - ii. Dues to be paid by February. C. DeMange made a motion to pay the \$100 dues to the Coal Festival Committee; second by S. Minks. Motion carried.

IX. Attendance Raffle

- a. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 172 was selected and won \$13.

X. Adjourn

- a. K. Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.; second by L. McMahon. Motion carried.