



**General Membership Meeting
The Brick Pizzeria, Lounge & Arcade
August 15, 2013**

- I. Call to Order and Welcome**
 - a. D. Smith called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. President's Report**
 - a. D. Smith swore in 2013-2014 Treasurer R. Owen
- IV. Secretary's Report**
 - a. Attendance: 17 members present
 - b. Minutes: G. Laskowski made a motion to approve the July 18th meeting minutes; second by J. Wright. Motion carried.
 - c. Correspondence:
 - i. 2013-14 Membership Dues Received [19] – Southern IL Spine & Joint, JoAnn Reinhardt, Senior Services of Southern St Clair County, Robert F Arnold Post 172 American Legion, Schneidewind Insurance Agency, The County Journal, Sparta Community Hospital, Shaw Pharmacy, Dr Steven Dorf, Friedens United Church of Christ, Edward Jones/Rod Cook, The Village Bank, Regions Bank, Diecker-Terry Masonry, Casey's General Store, Minton Insurance, Neal's Heating & Cooling, Buck-Lo Enterprises, Warren Exteriors
 - ii. Tootin' Around Marissa registration & fee – Susan Watt, Sparta IL
 - iii. Golf Tournament Holes Sponsors – Casey's General Store for \$100; Rodney Cook for \$50
 - iv. Request for Donation – St Agatha School 2013 Dinner Auction "Candy Land" – annual dinner/auction to support the school and educational program held at St Agatha Parish Center, New Athens on Saturday, November 2, 2013. C. DeMange made a motion to place Toast of Marissa full page ad for \$100 in the program book; second by C. White. Motion carried.
 - v. Schneidewind Insurance Agency – Rockford Mutual Insurance Co. – policy for EMC sign covering 5/21/13 to 5/21/14
 - vi. Schneidewind Insurance Agency – Rockford Mutual Insurance Co – Renewal Premium Due Notice \$846.00 due 10/11/13 – Commercial General Liability Coverage. Tabled at this time while R. Elser and R. Cross work with David Schneidewind to be sure all insurance needs are covered.
 - vii. e-mail Sparta Community Hospital – new physician, Kelly A Wood MD, at Marissa Medical Clinic starting Sept 4th; Open House Sept 8th 11am-2pm
- V. Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. J. Wright made a motion to approve the July Treasurer's Report; second by D. Rushing. Motion carried.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Chili Cook-Off – Oct 12 – L. McMahon**
 - i.** Sponsorship request went out this week to Waste Management
 - ii.** Tootin' Around Marissa – K. Wright
 - 1.** Need approximately 6 volunteers for water stops and flaggers.
- b. Citywide Yard Sale/Krispy Kremes – Oct 12 – D. Smith**
 - i.** Need workers at the 4-way at 6 a.m. that day
 - ii.** R. Elser volunteered to pick up the donuts.
- c. Finance – R. Owen**
 - i.** C. White made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 Budget; second by J. Wright. Motion carried.
- d. Golf Tournament – Aug. 24 – Sharon Cross**
 - i.** \$2,200 in hole sponsors; projected \$3,000.
 - ii.** See Sharon if you want to make a team – Goal is 14 teams; 8-10 confirmed so far. R. Elser would post invitation on Chamber Facebook page.
- e. Marissa Movies & More – D. Smith**
 - i.** Sept. 13th movie will be “Epic”. In need of workers that night.
 - ii.** Flyers will be sent to the Grade School to be sent home with the students.
 - iii.** Metal sign will be changed to “TONIGHT” and posted the day of the event.
- f. Membership/Welcoming – K. Wright/D. Rushing**
 - i.** No report.
- g. PR/Marketing**
 - i.** R. Elser made a motion to purchase a \$28 black metal sign for advertising; second by R. Owen. Motion carried.
 - ii.** Need to determine when to put up signs for upcoming events. Help needed to put them out. No yard sign will be made for Tootin' Around Marissa.
 - iii.** Chamber website has not been updated since last month.
 - iv.** e-Mailed all Chamber meetings and Village with instructions on requesting events to be posted to ECM board.
 - v.** No official announcement being made at this time but will test doing personal messages for a suggested donation of \$10 to go to charity. Will re-evaluate in 6 months.
- h. Shooting Complex Liaison – K. Wright**
 - i.** No report.
- i. Small Business Initiative – K. Wissehr/R. Elser**
 - i.** Divas Day Out - 14 participants; enjoyed event and looking forward to next years event. Looking to do another one in fall for Marissa area residents.
 - ii.** Cash Mob this fall – no date set yet.
 - iii.** Small Business Saturday in November – looking for ideas to promote.
 - iv.** Talking with Chic Fritz about specialty beers and how to work this into an event.
- j. Toast of Marissa – M. Minks**
 - i.** Working to finalize entertainment.
 - ii.** Will not be having specialty beer tasting, only wines as in past.
 - iii.** 50/50 Raffle has been changed to “Cash Cluster” – prizes 1st \$1,000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$250, and 4th \$100. Members are asked to sell at least 100 tickets.
 - iv.** Grape Stomp 5K – S. Gilley/S. Wright
 - 1.** Flyers are made; banners are up; working on finalizing the route.
- k. Village Liaison – J. Wright**
 - i.** Community meeting August 21st at Macke Senior Center about wood burning stoves

