Directors present: Barb Hegenbarth, Ann Seago, Kim Gorka, Jim Riley, Tammy Paulus, Diane McMahon, Mike Happel, Sarah Livermore and Renee Brenengen.

Directors absent: Chris Petersen, Troy White and Kim Byom.

Members Present: Chuck Gauger (Trempealeau County Times) and John Graf (Graf Media).

Guests: Christine Roraff (Gundersen Clinic)

Meeting was called to order at 7:32am by 2012 President Renee Brenengen.

**Election of 2013 Officers**: Kim G. made a motion to nominate Sarah Livermore for President, Diane M. seconded the motion but Sarah declined. Kim G made a motion to nominate Mike Happel for President, Diane M. seconded the motion but Mike declined. Mike H. nominated Jim Riley for President, Barb H. seconded the motion and Jim accepted. The nominations were closed and Jim R. was elected 2013 President. Jim R. took over the meeting at this time. Renee B. nominated Sarah Livermore for Vice-President, Ann S. seconded the motion and Sarah accepted. Nominations were closed and Sarah L. was elected 2013 Vice-President. Mike H. nominated Kim Gorka for Secretary but she immediately refused. Sarah L. nominated Kim Byom for Treasurer with the stipulation that she accept position since she was not present at this meeting and Renee B. seconded the motion. Nominations were closed and Kim B. was elected 2013 Treasurer. There was difficulty finding someone for Secretary position. Sarah L. said she would do it if she would have some help with the Membership Committee. Kim G. made a motion to rescind the election of Sarah L. as Vice-President, Mike H. seconded the motion and the motion carried. Kim G. nominated Sarah Livermore for Secretary and Mike H. seconded the motion. The nominations were closed and Sarah L. was elected 2013 Secretary. Ann S. nominated Diane McMahon for Vice-President, Mike H. seconded the motion and Diane accepted. Nominations were closed and Diane M. was elected 2013 Vice-President.

 **2013 Officers:**

 President – Jim Riley

 Vice President – Diane McMahon

 Secretary – Sarah Livermore

 Treasurer – Kim Byom

**Secretary’s Report**: Barb H. made a motion to accept December minutes as presented. Ann S. seconded the motion and motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Kim G. made motion to accept December report as presented. Barb H. seconded the motion and motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Agri-Business:** Nothing going on at this time.

**Economic Revitalization & Development:** Jim R. wants to see this committee become active again. Christine Roraff from Gundersen Clinic was introduced. She said that she and the new clinic staff are excited to be part of Galesville and plan on being active in the community. She said that the clinic is employing two local people as well. They plan on opening on January 21, 2013 and have an Open House on February 7, 2013 from 3pm to 6pm.

**Historic Preservation, Beautification & Design: 1) Old Main:** Jim R. reported that Old Main is developing a music program to have performances on Fridays at 7:30pm so that people will be able go out to eat beforehand hopefully in Galesville. Eventually they want to have programs every Friday night. They are working on a coupon book for $40.00 that will have tickets for six shows and coupons for local businesses. Business sponsors and patrons will be listed in the booklet as well. Jim also reported that a church in Winona, MN is offering to pay stipends to college students to perform at Old Main. **2) A.A. Arnold House:** Ann S. reported their Victorian dinners went well. They hosted Santa and Mrs. Claus on the afternoon of Sunday December 9th with the Chamber paying for the refreshments, but due to bad weather only 19 people actually attended the event. One family was disappointed that Santa had left early. Ann said they would be willing to host this event again next year. Their Valentine Sweet-Hearts dinner is on February 9th.

**Organization & Membership:** Dues will remain the same at $70.00 for business plus $30.00 for a website link if business desires this service. Individuals will remain at $40.00. Renee B. and Tammy P. volunteered to help with the committee.

**Promotion & Tourism: 1) G-E-T Showcase** will be held on Sunday, March 3rd. Mailings are being sent out today and these documents are also available on the website.

**Website:** Sarah L.is working on revitalizing the website to give it a facelift.

**Other Business**:

1. Our contract with Trim Warehousing for our storage unit will be coming up for renewal soon. Kim G. made a motion that we continue our contract at $50.00 per month to be paid in one lump sum ($600.00) when we receive an invoice. Tammy P. seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 7:30am at the Library Community Room. Mike H. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tammy P. seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32a.m.

Submitted by Immediate Past President

Renee Brenengen