**General Membership Meeting, Thursday, September 20th at 12:00pm
at Melrose High School Media Center**

**Call to Order: 12:10**

**Introductions/ Business Updates:**

**Guest Speaker:** Vaughn and Stacy with *Food for Thought* -Similar to program in Sauk Centre. Food is packed once a month and bags are handed out each Friday for the weekend. Goal is to raise $14,000 to cover the cost of the program for one year. Donations can be dropped off at the school or at CMCU.

 **Approve Minutes of August 16th Meeting:**

Motion to Approve- Stacey Austing-Jacobsen Second - Wendy Tschida Motion Carried

**Approve Treasurer’s Report**

Financial Report

Motion to Approve- Jason Braun Second- Missy Traeger Motion Carried

**Ongoing Business:**

1. Beautification Flower Pots -20-25 are sold to businesses. They are now available for anyone to buy
2. Designer Bag Bingo (Pre-Sale)-Women of Today hosted event. 170 out of 250 spots are sold. Must be at the Legion to pre-sell.
3. Princess Party- Local talent. Cost is $25 for parent and child. 100 tickets will be sold. October 27th from 1-3pm.
4. Riverfest Board- Anyone interested in being on the board should let Sara know. Everyone is welcome to submit ideas!

**New Business:**

1. Rose Days-Royalty will be delivering and taking care of the roses. Proceeds will go to Ms. Melrose.
2. Halloween-October 31st, Trick or Treat from 3:30-5pm at businesses. Business participants will have a sign to hang in the window.
3. Holiday Kick Off-Have a Christmas decorating contest, parade route will be slightly longer and food vendors will be added. November 23rd.
4. Chamber Director Review-Sara is doing a good job and will be with us for another year

**Committee Reports:**

 1. Lisa Atkinson, Economic Development – old Kraft lot will be zoned residential/downtown. Carsten’s is doing an addition. Sign ordinance and portable storage amendments are coming. Burger King is remodeling.

 2. Joe Fuechtmann, Agriculture-

 3. Stacey Austing-Jacobson, Education – Star Watch on Oct 15th with Mike Lynch where he comes to Melrose with telescopes, etc. Homecoming is next week and info for Homecoming is on the website. Enrollment is up 23 students this year. School will be adding an elective, “Intro to Education”. Once a month Mr. Winter is on KASM with news about Melrose and education in general. Broadcast will be recorded and put on school website.

 4. Mike Brethorst, Legislative –

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

1. Next General Meeting: Thursday, October 18th, JD’s Taphouse – Guest: Abby with the MN Reading Corps
2. Save the Date: Membership Appreciation Dinner: Wednesday, November 14th. Vice-president, treasurer and member at large spots will be voted on.

 **Marit Elliott is planning an all-school reunion for 2020 during Riverfest (Fabulous Armadillos are booked!)**

**October 6th is Fire Department Open House**

**October 13th is a polka band at Legion**

**October 22nd is Meet the Candidates night hosted by Women of Today**

**Adjourn: 1:03**

Motion to Adjourn – Stacey Austing-Jacobsen Second – Missy Traeger Adjourned