The August 23rd 26th Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting was opened by President Connie Moyer leading in the Pledge of Allegiance with Pastor Nance giving the blessing.

Update on the Bremen Welcome Sign. The sign is currently being stored at Branham Sign Company in Reynoldsburg. This is the sign company employed by Dollar General.

Dollar General construction is moving along quite nicely. The Chamber released the easement that we held on the Nutter property where the Chamber Welcome Sign was located in order for Dollar General to be built. Dollar General is planning on employing six to ten people. Anyone interested should apply online at www.dollargeneral.com in the career center or stop by when it opens and pick up an application. They are planning on having a "soft open" and then a formal grand opening shortly after the soft opening.

The next issue of the Village Brick N Mortar has been completed and will be delivered to the Village office on Wednesday, August 24th. Featured businesses are Dollar General and Foltz Enterprises.

In the past couple of weeks we have had a couple of new members join the Chamber. FairHoPe Hospice along with H. Woltz Construction. Susan Nixon-Stoughton was introduced of FairHoPe Hospice. H. Woltz Construction is an out-of-state Construction Company. Bud Woltz, owner resides at 205 Northridge in Bremen. Resa Tobin of Fairfield Medical Center introduced her guest Cindy Steen.

The Village is currently advertising for a part-time Zoning Inspector. This position will be responsible for all zoning issues and have a time usage of 10-15 hours per month. The pay for this position will be based on experience. Applications can be picked up at the Village Office during regular office hours, or apply online. Applications must be filed in the Village office by Friday, September 9, 2011.

Rushcreek Feed & Supply is celebrating their 50th year anniversary this year.

Happy Birthday to the Bremen-Rushcreek Memorial Branch Library. Ten years ago Bremen-Rushcreek Memorial Branch Library opened its doors for business on October 1st at its beautiful new School Street location. Help them celebrate this milestone and launch them onto ten more years of providing library services to our area. A birthday party will be held on Friday, September 30th beginning at 2pm where cake and punch will be served. The library is located at 200 School Street with regular hours of operation on Monday & Wednesdays from 10-8 and Fridays from 10-5pm.

Joni Hershberger of Hillside Storage Barns has provided the house for Santa in Dowling Park for a couple of years now. He is willing to do this once again for \$80.00. Santa has agreed to be in the house from 9:30-11:00 for the first 3 Saturdays of December. Santa will then participate in the lighted Christmas parade that will start at 5:30 on December 17th. The elementary school students have again volunteered to perform in the downtown area after the parade where refreshments of cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate will be served. Bremen Banking Center will provide the drinks and the Chamber usually

provides the cookies. Dee Mowry made a motion to approve a \$250 expenditure for "Santa in the Park" and \$250 expenditure for the Lighted Christmas Parade and Tim Byers seconded the motion. Motion Carried

Upcoming Events:

Bremen Farmers Market dates have been set for June 4th – September 24th at the corner of Main & Broad Streets. Market hours are 9am – 5pm. Space rental is \$10 per week or a season pass is available. Market master is Natalie Nutter from Bremen Banking Center. 569-4121.

The Chamber Golf Outing will be held September 3rd this year. Currently we have 20 hole sponsors: Westerman Companies (2), Superior Fibers, Bremen Banking Center, Lines Auto Service, Citizens Bank, Lancaster Bingo, Kumler Collision, Tim Byers of Edward Jones, Morgan Funeral Home, Jon Clark & Associates, Fairfield Medical Center, Dee Mowry, Dr. Jeff Wilson, Clark Behrens Insurance Agency, Stuart Burial Vault, Alterna-Care, N8 Family Chiropractic, Pumpkin Vine Golf Course, and Big "O" Refuse. Personal thank you notes were sent to all hole sponsors and members present were encouraged to thank all the hole sponsors and get together a team. Need some volunteers to donate a couple of hours the day of the event. Proceeds from the golf outing will go to the Community Service Fund.

Bremen's Native American Culture – Open to the public September 10th through November 26th. 2-6 Sat. & Sundays, & Weekdays by Appointments. This is a display of native American relics from the ice age through mound builders. Contact Jean Doan @ 569-7313 for further details.

As a reminder.... All events can be found on the home page of: www.bremenvillage.com

The guest speaker was a representative from South Central Power and next month the speaker will be Melody Borchers, owner of Borchers & Associates, Inc., This firm specializes in small business, community and economic development consulting. Melody will be sharing information on statistics, resources and financing for small business. She also will be discussing business trends and the impact of social networking on small business.