



# September 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 111 • Mantua, OH 44255

## In Attendance:

Dorothy Caldwell, Shalersville Township  
Becky Tipton, Ameriprise Financial  
Cheri Mikula, PC Mental Health & Recov. Board  
Ron Lance, Diversified  
Matt Sorrick, Citizens For Crestwood  
Becky Newell, DMRC  
Carl Zeleznik, Sierra Inc.  
Amie Cajka, PC Mental Health & Recov. Board  
Christine Pitsinger, The Community Journal  
Missy Lyle, Footprints  
Shirley Schuster, CPA, Portage County Airport

David Lasko, Benefits 1 Group  
Bob MacLearie, Mantua Masons  
Carrie Zabkar, guest  
Carol Corbit, Crestwood Schools  
Dayton Hickerson, Grand Promotional Products  
Bill Newell, DMRC  
Jim Prout, Prout & Associates  
Rick Frato, Edward Jones  
Marie Stehli, CPA, Mantua Township  
Marty Hura, Mantua Village  
Caren Stutzman, Zagursky' Pierogies

## Meeting was called to order at 7:37 a.m.

### Introduction were made.

Bob MacLearie announced an all you can farm breakfast will be held on Saturdays Sept 26, Oct. 3rd and Oct. 10 from 7:00 am ~ 11:00 am \$7.00 adults and \$3.00 for children. The American Legion needs help with the flags to increase the numbers on Main Street, Prospect, and High Street. Donations would be greatly appreciated and can be given to Bob or a chamber officer.

**Shalersville Township** - Dorothy Caldwell reported both paving projects, Cooley Rd and Beck Rd are completed. Headstones in the Cemetery were restored last week. 2 of the 6 hanging baskets were stolen. Antique road show will be held Sept. 27 at the town hall, hours are posted at the old elementary school. Darryl McGuire will be the appraiser. Township garage has been painted and they are preparing for winter. No new equipment this year.

**Mantua Village** - Marty Hura reported working on storm doors. Christine Pitsinger announced that 6 banners are up and 6 more are holding. The banners will be taken down the end of October and put back up the beginning of Spring.

**Mantua Township** - Marie Stehli reported Paving in process on Hillcrest Rd. Flu clinic will be held Sept 24th at Mantua Center hall from 5:00-6:30.

**Featured Business** - Becky Tipton is a Financial Advisor from Ameriprise Financial. She has a home based office here in Mantua. Ameriprise Financial is a company that helps choose a financial service that is right for you. They help you understand the different types of services available and provide advise on strategies and help you plan to meet your desired financial goals.

**DMRC**- Becky Newell reported the Art Walk went very well and will now be an annual event. The next one is scheduled for the same week next year on the 10th. Walking thru Mantuas past is scheduled for Oct 2010. The winner of the quilt raffle was Barb Herbalt and it generated approximately \$500.00

**Crestwood High School** - Matt Sorrick from Hiram College spoke about the Crestwood levy for a new high school. The levy will go on ballot this fall, Nov.3. If the levy passes, the State will pay 50% of the cost. He reported the need for a new school is the roof is old and needs to be replaced, a new boiler is needed, many additions need to added to give the proper education, class rooms are out of date. Two committee meetings will be scheduled in October at the high school - watch for dates.

**Minutes**- Bob MacLearie motioned to approve Junes minutes 2nd by Dorothy Caldwell. Voted and passed.

**Treasurer's Report** - no report.

**Membership**- 93 members. Renew your membership by October 31 and save 10%.

**Scholarship Golf Outing** -. Christine Pitsinger announced everything went very well. Lots of nice door prizes. 33 golfers attended and 29 sponsors. Brought in \$4,225, spent \$2,533 leaving a profit of 1692 to go towards the scholarship fund. Marie Stehli advised we need someone take over the outing.

**H1N1 Info** - Amie Cajka from the Portage County Mental Health Board distributed information on the H1N1 flu virus.

**Giving Trees** - Marie Stehli announced 8 to 10 shops will have the "Giving Trees" placed in them through out Mantua from Oct thru Nov. They are small trees, you remove a card and purchase the gift that is on it. Place the gift unwrapped under the tree. The Chamber steak fry will be held Oct. 5th at Main Street place. The steaks will be purchased from K&K meats. Cost will be \$20 for members and guest and \$25.00 for all non-members. Please Rsvp to Becky Newell by Sept. 24, 2009.

**Guest Speaker:** David Lasko from Benefit One discussed Employee Workers Compensation. He reported 65% will be the maximum discount given next year. The bureau will meet at the end of September to determine what exactly the discount will be. Benefits One helps you shop rates to make sure you receive the maximum discount, they will issue quotes for November and December once the bureau has decided on the discount amount. By using Benefits One and being a member of the Chamber of Commerce The Garden Girls were able to save over \$1500.00.

**Meeting was adjourned 8:37 am**

**Next Meeting**- October 21, 2009