



February 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes

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

2009 - 2010 Officers

Marie Stehli, President
Christine Pitsinger, Vice President
Joan Sweet, Treasurer
Missy Lyle, Secretary

In Attendance:

Bob MacClearie - Mantua Masons & American Legion
Rick Frato - Edward Jones
Christine Pitsinger - Community Journal
Missy Lyle - Footprints
Cheri Mikula - Mental Health Recovery Board of Portage County
Shirley Shuster
Terra Howell - Townhall II
Keith Barton - Law Office of Keith J. Barton
Dayton Hickerson - Grand Promotional Products
Paulette Nichols - Portage Community Bank
Terri Wilde - Crestwood 4C's
Jodie Fiala - Jake's

William Dick - Rapid Electric
Donna Hawkins - Mantua Village Mayor
Rebecca Tipton - Ameriprise Financial
Virginia Goodell - Goodell Farms
Carol Corbit - Crestwood Schools
Bill Graham - Camp Asbury
Caren Stutzman - Zagursky's Pierogies
Jason Sage and Phil Sage
Carl Zeleznik - Sierra, Inc.
Marie Stehli - CPA, Mantua Twp. Fiscal Officer

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m.

Introductions were made.

Jason Sage from Scout Troop 575 is preparing a project to consolidate the signs in Mantua. Jason has done many hours of research to determine what types of signs, placements, colors, size and more. A possible location for the new sign would be by Canada Road. The project must break ground by April 1st. The cost is \$8,300 and \$5,000 of that has already been donated by Benner Construction and Stamm's. The labor for the project will be done by the scout troop. There is still some material that is needed such as sand, dirt, bricks and misc. hardware, if you can donate any of these items please contact Jason. The project must be completed by June 14, 2010. Marie Stehli motioned that the chamber donate \$100 to cover the cost of the chamber sign, Bob MacLearie seconded.

Shalersville Township - No Report.

Mantua Village - Donna Hawkins reported Mantua Village has signed a contract to handle all of the Hiram Police, EMS, and Fire dispatch. A \$50,000 grant will be put on the ballot, if the ballot passes it has been requested this money go to help fix the streets. By doing this it will save village residents 6% on their electrical and 4% for small businesses. Any questions on this, please contact Donna. Donna also thanked everyone again that received Mayor Awards this year for all of their hard work.

Mantua Township - Marie Stehli reported the ODOT program is helping keep the cost of salt down this year.

Featured Business - Jake's Restaurant now open on Prospect Street in Mantua announced owner, Jodie Fiala. Jody opened in Mantua because she wants to be involved in a small community. She employs all local people. Most menu items at Jake's are homemade. They are open Tuesday-Saturday 7 am to 9 pm and Sundays 7 am to 2 pm. Catering is also available.

DMRC - Christine Pitsinger reported the next meeting has been re-scheduled. Art on the Hill will be July 10, 2010. Press releases have already gone out.

Crestwood High School - Carol Corbett reported spring testing for kids has begun and the breakfast program is in place. There is a meeting today about pre-bidding on a new storage unit.

Minutes - Bob MacLearie motioned to accept January Minutes, second by Marie Stehli. Voted and passed.

Treasurer's Report - Checking account forward from previous month is \$9,671.65, new balance as of January 31, 2010 is \$9,676.65, savings account balance is \$5,202.49

Membership - 91 members. Calendar of events will be printed and available in March and dates will be posted on the website. The website is in the process of being updated.

Scholarship - Deadline for applications is April 15.

Golf Outing - Jason Lerchbacher from the Comfort Cafe and Christine Pitsinger of the Community Journal will be heading up the golf outing this year. Date is scheduled for June 26. Brochures will go out in a couple weeks. Will include 18 holes with cart and steak dinner. Hole sponsors will be \$100.

Guest Speaker - Bill Coleman spoke about an insurance plan, backed by Summa, designed for uninsured people. The plan is a limited benefits plan that is covered by all local hospitals in Portage, Summit, Medina and surrounding counties. The insurance plan does need to be sponsored by a company, however, the company does not need to pay for it, only offer it. The purpose for this insurance plan is to help reduce the cost of medical care by providing better insurance to people who can't afford it.

Announcements - Virginia Goodell announced that the Rotary Variety Show will be April 10, 2010. Goodell Farm Breakfast will be the first 3 Sundays from 8:30 am - 2 pm at Shalersville Townhall. Marie thanked all the businesses that placed trees out for the 4C's Giving Tree Program. She also advised the chamber will be closing the office on Main Street. Bob MacLearie stated the Masonic Lodge Farm Breakfast is the third Saturday of each month from 7 am to 11 am. All you can eat!

Meeting was adjourned 8:29 am

Next Meeting- Wednesday March 17, 2010, 7:30 am

