



April 18, 2012 Meeting Minutes

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

2011 - 2012 Officers
Christine Pitsinger, President
Missy Lyle, Vice President
Joan Sweet, Treasurer
Becky Tipton, Secretary

In Attendance:

Tom Kennedy, Marshall's Carpet Cleaning
Frank Ruehr, Shalersville Township
John Festa, Mantua Township
Brad Ehrhart, Portage Development Board
Marie Stehli, Mantua Township
Paulette Nichols, PCB Bank
Michelle Barnauskas, DMRC
Ellie Stamm, Stamm Contracting
Chris Hendershot, Italian Garden
Hank Cabot, Western Reserve Kiwanis
Shirley Schuster, Mantua Twp. Resident

Dayton Hickerson, Grand Promotional Products
Linda Clark, Mantua Village Mayor
Alan Frame, Advanced Rehab
Lonn Safko, Crestwood 4C's
Christine Pitsinger, Community Journal
Mark Russell, Ellerhorst Insurance
Mike Maglionico, Crestwood Intermediate School
Edie Benner, Advanced Rehab
Jim Oster, Oster & Associates
Dennis Bujak, Shalersville Township

Dorothy Caldwell, Shalersville Township
Ben Prescott, Mantua Village
Wayne Omaitis, WJ Glass
Jim Prout, Prout & Associates
Rick Frato, Edward Jones
Ron Lance, Diversified Mini Storage
Nancy Vines, Shalersville Township
Bob MacLearie, Mantua Masonic Legion
Norm Fashing, Friends of Melana
Becky Tipton, Ameriprise Financial

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m. Introductions were made.

VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP UPDATES

Mantua Township: Marie Stehli said that Spring Cleanup will be on May 12, from 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. John Festa reported that GPS mapping of the township is now complete.

Mantua Village: Linda Clark said that the village is working on several grant opportunities. No spring cleanup will be held this year, as residents are able to put large items at the curb once each month.

Shalersville Township: Dennis Bujak reported that Spring Cleanup will be held on May 3, 4, and 5, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Crestwood Schools: Mike Maglionico said that a "One Book, One School" event is being held at the Intermediate School. Volunteer readers are welcome at the school.

DMRC: Michelle Barnauskas reported that DMRC recently made a presentation for the grant that it hopes to receive for improving the mini park; they are currently waiting to learn if they will receive the grant. Spring Spruce up will be held in Mantua Village on May 12, with students from the high school working on May 11. The recent Reverse Raffle event was successful and raised around \$5,000.

FEATURED BUSINESS

Friends of Melana: Norm Fashing talked about the non-profit organization that has been formed in honor of his granddaughter, Melana, who lost her battle with Glioma. The Friends of Melana Foundation works to raise money for research to develop treatments and find a cure for this disease and also to support families of children with cancer. Community members can support this 501(c)3 organization by participating in several events, including a 5K race to be held on June 24.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary: Rick Frato announced that Rotary has recently given its Rotary Hero award to Edie Benner.

Boy Scouts: Paulette Nichols asked if the Chamber would make a donation this year to support the Boy Scouts. Edie Benner motioned to donate \$100, and Bob MacLearie seconded. The motion was passed.

Geauga County Business After Hours Event: Jim Prout reminded everyone about this networking event, to be held on May 9.

Portage County Soap Box Derby: Bob MacLearie said there will be an event held at Kent Lanes Bowling on April 22, 5-7pm.

Mantua Masonic Lodge: Bob MacLearie said the organization is selling flag holders for the flags that will be displayed in Mantua Village. Cost is \$10ea. Edie Benner motioned to purchase two holders. Ben Prescott seconded the motion, and it was passed.

Relay for Life: Dayton Hickerson said he will be participating in this event again this year, in memory of his wife Nancy. Paulette Nichols motioned for the Chamber to donate \$87 – \$1 for each member – and Dennis Bujak seconded the motion. It was passed.

Friends of Melana 5K Race: Edie Benner motioned to donate \$50 to the event, and Bob MacLearie seconded the motion. It passed.

Ellerhorst Insurance Open House: Mark Russell announced that an open house will be held on May 18, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. At that time, the company name will be changed to Ellerhorst Russell Insurance.

NEW BUSINESS

Business Showcase: Christine Pitsinger said the committee continues to work on planning this event, which will be held in the fall. More information about participation and sponsorships will be available soon.

Golf Outing: This event will be held at Tanglewood in June.

OLD BUSINESS

Scholarship Committee: Dorothy Caldwell said that 10 applications have been received, the committee will meet soon to work on selecting recipients for the 2 scholarships.

TREASURER'S REPORT, MEMBERSHIP

Minutes: Bob MacLearie motioned to approve the March minutes, Ben Prescott seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: As of March 30, 2012, there was \$9,882.59 in the checking account; \$6,316.18 in the scholarship savings account; and \$702.81 in the toy drive account.

Membership: There are currently 87 members.

GUEST SPEAKER

Brad Ehrhart of Portage Development Board: Ehrhart said that the Portage Development Board, formed in February 2011, works to help companies stay, grow, start up and relocate to Portage County. It is a 501(c)3 organization that works with businesses across the county. An Industrial Round Table meeting will be held on April 24, at 7:30 a.m. at Maplewood Career Center in Ravenna.

DOOR PRIZE

Congratulations to Lonn Safko, who won a \$15 gift certificate to and donated by Italian Garden of Mantua.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 a.m.