



October 17, 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:

Ron Lance, Diversified Mini Storage
Sandy Pelphey, Weekly Villager
Marie Stehli, Mantua Township
Dorothy Caldwell, Shalersville Township
Frank Ruehr, Shalersville Township
Becky Tipton, Ameriprise Financial
John Festa, Mantua Township
Wayne Omaitis, WJ Glass

Michelle Barnauskas, DMRC
Joe Iacono, Crestwood Schools
Lonn Safko, Crestwood 4C's
Dennis Bujak, Shalersville Twp.
Nancy Vines, Shalersville Twp.
David Joyce, Candidate for Congress
Luke Darrah, Darrah's Car Care
Mark Russell, Ellerhorst Russell Insurance

Maria Schmidt, UH Geauga Medical Center
Edie Benner, Advanced Rehab
Dayton Hickerson, Grand Promotional Products
Paulette Nichols, PCB Bank
Tom Kennedy, Marshall's Carpet Cleaning
Nick Ciofani, David Joyce Campaign
Ellie Stamm, Stamm Contracting

Meeting was called to order at 7:39 a.m. Introductions were made.

VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP UPDATES

Mantua Township: John Festa reported that a new acting road superintendent has been appointed.

Mantua Village: No report.

Shalersville Township: Dennis Bujak said that repairs are being made at the school. 50 headstones from the 1800's were recently repaired at the cemetery.

Crestwood Schools: Joe Iacono reported that for the second consecutive year, the High School has met 26 standards on which it is evaluated, earning an "excellent" rating. A new student resource officer will be spending 6 hours/day at the Middle and High Schools.

DMRC: Edie Benner said DMRC has been working with the Village to develop a landmark commission, which will allow them to apply for historical grants. Anyone with an interest in historical preservation is welcome to help with this project; meetings will be held four times per year, and they are looking for someone who can do research on historical matters. A logo contest for DMRC is being held through the end of October. A Village cleanup will be held on October 29, from 8:00 a.m. until noon; students from the High School will be participating, and Chamber members are encouraged to help. Edie motioned for the Chamber to donate \$400 to purchase four Crestwood banners that will be hung in the Village. Tom Kennedy seconded the motion, and it was passed.

CANDIDATES AND ISSUES

David Joyce: David Joyce has recently taken Steve LaTourette's position and is now running for Congress. He talked about the area that he represents and his plans for creating jobs and fighting crime.

Issue 37: Joe Iacono talked about this Crestwood school levy. Money generated by the levy would help replace recent cuts in state funding and help the school avoid making cuts in academic programs and reducing staff.

NEW BUSINESS

Treats and Tails: Advanced Rehab will sponsor this event on Friday, November 2.

Toy Drive: Marie Stehli has run this program for the past ten years and asked if someone would like to take over for this year. Please see a Chamber officer if you are interested.

2013 Membership Drive: This is going on now. Dues will be discounted by 10% for all who pay by October 31.

Nomination of 2013-2014 Officers: Becky Tipton nominated Christine Pitsinger for President; Marie Stehli seconded. Christine Pitsinger nominated Becky Tipton for Vice President; Maria Schmidt seconded. Dorothy Caldwell nominated Paulette Nichols for Treasurer, Dennis Bujak seconded and Paulette nominated Dorothy Caldwell for Treasurer, Dennis Bujak seconded. Nominations will be accepted through November 21, when elections will be held at our November meeting.

MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, MEMBERSHIP

Minutes: Paulette Nichols motioned to approve the September minutes; Paulette Nichols seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: As of September 30, 2012, there was xxx \$8,745.84 in the checking account; \$8,019.14 in the scholarship savings account; and \$703.32 in the toy drive account.

DOOR PRIZE

Congratulations to Luke Darrah of Darrah's Car Care, who won a pumpkin donated by the Chamber!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 a.m.