

# February 20, 2013 Meeting Minutes

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

**2013 - 2014 Officers**  
Christine Pitsinger, President  
Becky Tipton, Vice President  
Paulette Nichols, Treasurer

## In attendance:

Dennis Bujak, Shalersville Township  
Luke Darrah, Darrah's Car Care Center  
Paulette Nichols, Portage Community Bank  
Lonn Safko, Crestwood 4C's  
Becky Tipton, Ameriprise Financial  
Joann Vance, Middlefield Bank  
Steve Kleiber, United Way of Portage County

Michelle Barnauskas, DMRC  
Wayne Omaitis, W.J. Glass  
Helen Hazlett, Rotary, Howard Hanna  
Tom Kennedy, Marshall's Carpet Cleaning  
Virginia Goodell, Goodell Family Farm  
Nancy Vines, Shalersville Township  
Jill Rowe, Crestwood Schools

Sandy Pelphrey, Villager  
Linda Clark, Mantua Village  
John Festa, Mantua Township  
Mark Russell, Ellerhorst Russell Insurance  
Christine Pitsinger, Community Journal  
Joe Iacono, Crestwood Schools

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

## VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP UPDATES

**Mantua Township:** John Festa said a new Cemetery Sexton and a new Zoning Inspector have been hired. Several new home sites are planned at the LaDue Reserve development.

**Mantua Village:** Linda Clark reported that bids will be taken soon for the Orchard Street paving project. Work continues on the Landmark Commission.

**Shalersville Township:** Nancy Vines reminded everyone about an Elvis concert to be held on April 7. Dennis Bujak said the township donated \$500 to the flagpole project in Ravenna Township.

**Crestwood Schools:** Joe Iacono introduced Jill Rowe, the new Treasurer for the school system. He announced that anyone who is not receiving the Crestwood Comments newsletter can call the board office to ask to be put on the mailing list. Wrestling teams at the high and middle schools have excelled this year. A search for a new superintendent is underway.

**DMRC:** Michelle Barnauskas reported that a meeting will be held on Friday, February 22 at 7:30 a.m. at Jake's. All are welcome. Volunteers are needed for the Music in the Mini Park series, to help with distributing flyers and setting up for the events. The Art on the Hill event on July 13 will include a wine tasting. DMRC is looking for volunteers to help set up a second stage for demonstrations. A new "Friends of the DMRC" program will allow community members to receive quarterly newsletters and a tee shirt, for a fee of \$25.

**Mantua-Shalersville Fire Department:** John Festa said repairs on the ladder truck are nearly complete. Matt Roosa's term as Assistant Fire Chief has been extended.

## GUEST SPEAKER

**Steve Kleiber of United Way of Portage County** explained that this is a local, independently run organization that receives no government funding. They fund 43 programs, including a "2-1-1" First Call for Help program that helps citizens find resources they need in areas like financial assistance and services for an aging parent.

## NEW BUSINESS AND MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2013 Membership Drive:** Christine Pitsinger reminded members about the drive. 2013 window clings are available.

**Scholarships:** Christine Pitsinger said the officers had decided to increase the amount for each of the Chamber's two scholarships to \$1,250. A discussion followed; Dennis Bujak motioned to instead provide three scholarships, at an amount of \$800 each. Linda Clark seconded, and the motion was passed.

**Chamber 10 Year Anniversary:** Christine Pitsinger announced that a party will be held on March 25 at Jake's.

**Golf Outing:** Joann Vance said the event will be held on June 7 at Tanglewood. She and Graham Harmon will serve on the committee to plan the outing. Members are encouraged to donate door prizes and hole sponsorships.

**Goodell Family Farm Pancake Breakfasts:** Virginia Goodell reported these will be held beginning March 10.

**Garage Sales:** Christine Pitsinger said this event will be held on July 19 and 20. There will be no charge for Chamber members to participate; a charge of \$10 will be assessed for non-members.

**Chamber Survey:** Becky Tipton reminded everyone that surveys were sent via e-mail blast to members earlier in the week. All are encouraged to complete a survey, which can be returned via e-mail or in hard copy to the Chamber post office box address.

**Rotary:** Helen Hazlett said a discussion about "Bigfoot" will be held on February 26. Proceeds will be used to support Rotary's sponsorship of a student at the high school. Ads are being sold that will be printed on placemats at Jake's. Cost is \$30 to have your ad on a placemat for one month.

**Boy Scouts Donation:** Paulette Nichols asked for the Chamber to donate \$100 to the local drive. Dennis Bujak motioned to approve; Mark Russell seconded, and the motion was passed.

**United Way:** Dennis Bujak motioned to donate \$100 to United Way of Portage County; Paulette Nichols seconded. The motion was passed.

## MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, MEMBERSHIP

**Minutes:** Paulette Nichols motioned to approve the January 2013 minutes; Dennis Bujak seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Paulette Nichols reported that there is \$1,144 in the toy drive account; \$8,021 in the scholarship savings account; and \$9,855 in the checking account.

## DOOR PRIZE

**Congratulations** to Lonn Safko, who won a free ad in the Community Journal, donated by Christine Pitsinger.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 a.m.**