

March 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:

Frank Ruehr, Shalersville Township	Michelle Barnauskas, DMRC
Sandy Pelphrey, Villager	Luke Darrah, Darrah's Car Care Center
Wayne Omaitis, W.J. Glass	Linda Clark, Mantua Village
John Festa, Mantua Township	Lonn Safko, Crestwood 4C's
Tom Kennedy, Marshall's Carpet Cleaning	Mark Russell, Ellerhorst Russell Insurance
Becky Tipton, Ameriprise Financial	Christine Pitsinger, Community Journal
Steve Kleiber, United Way of Portage County	Maria Schmidt, UH Geauga Medical Center
Nancy Vines, Shalersville Township	Brad Erhart, Portage Development Board
Jodie Fiala, Jake's	Kathy Vanek, Middlefield Bank
Dorothy Caldwell, Shalersville Township resident	Bill Graham, Camp Asbury
Dayton Hickerson, Grand Promotional Products	Edie Benner, Advanced Rehab, DMRC
Shirley Schuster, Mantua Township resident	

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 a.m. Introductions were made.

VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP UPDATES

Mantua Township: John Festa said preparations are underway for spring work to be done in the township.

Mantua Village: Linda Clark reported that the Orchard Street paving project is out for bid. They are continuing work on the sidewalk project in conjunction with DMRC, and also on a sewer project with the school. The State Auditor attended a recent Council meeting, and it has been determined that the Village is no longer on "fiscal watch".

Shalersville Township: Nancy Vines announced that Spring Cleanup will be held on the first Friday and Saturday in May, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. They are checking into a land bank grant for cleaning up abandoned houses and properties.

Crestwood Schools: No report.

DMRC: Michelle Barnauskas said that the Reverse Raffle event will be held on May 4. They are looking for sponsors for multiple items for their Art on the Hill event, including a sponsor for the wine tasting, and for their second stage.

Mantua-Shalersville Fire Board: John Festa reported that repair of their ladder truck is running ahead of schedule. They are discussing purchasing a new tanker truck.

GUEST SPEAKER

Brad Erhart of Portage Development Board explained how the organization works to help businesses stay, grow, start up and relocate to Portage County. The Portage Development Board is available to help business owners find resources to help them with funding, workforce issues, building considerations, and tax matters.

NEW BUSINESS AND MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chamber 10 Year Anniversary: Christine Pitsinger reminded everyone that the party will be held on Monday, March 25, at 6:00 p.m. at Jake's.

Budget: Christine Pitsinger presented the Chamber's annual budget, showing a breakdown of items on which the Chamber is planning to spend money, and where money has already been spent, year-to-date.

Friends of Melana Sponsorship: Edie Benner motioned for the Chamber to spend \$250, to become a Bronze Sponsor. Maria Schmidt seconded the motion, and it was passed.

Golf Outing: Kathy Vanek said that the committee is looking for businesses to purchase hole sponsorships and door prizes for the event.

Crestwood 4C's: Lonn Safko announced that food donations made through the end of April will qualify for the Feinsein Challenge, which provides matching contributions.

United Way Campaign Event: Steve Kleiber announced this event will be held on April 26, at the Rusty Nail. Cost to attend is \$35 per person.

MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, MEMBERSHIP

Minutes: Linda Clark motioned to approve the February 2013 meeting minutes; Tom Kennedy seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: No report; if you would like to see a copy of the report, ask Christine Pitsinger.

DOOR PRIZE

Congratulations to Maria Schmidt, who won a hydrangea plant donated by Becky Tipton of Ameriprise Financial.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 a.m.