

May 21, 2014 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

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

In Attendance:

Mark Russell, Ellerhorst Russell Insurance	Michelle Barnauskas, DMRC
Rhonda Bowles, Portage Play and Learn	Terri Wilde, Crestwood 4 C's Food Cupboard
Jim Oster, Oster Rentals, DMRC	Kathy Vanek, Middlefield Bank
Ellie Stamm, Stamm Contracting	Sandy Pelphrey, Infinity Resources
Hank Cabot, Western Reserve Kiwanis	Dennis Bujak, Shalersville Township
Dave Toth, Crestwood Schools	Christine Pitsinger, Community Journal
Becky Tipton, Ameriprise Financial	Tom Kennedy, Marshall's Carpet Cleaning
Carole Pollard, Mantua Township resident	Dayton Hickerson, Grand Promotional Products
Nancy Vines, Shalersville Township	Shirley Schuster, Mantua Township resident
Josh Prest, Josh Mandel's office	John Festa, Mantua Township
Chris Gerez, The Weekly Villager	Linda Clark, Village of Mantua
Paulette Nichols, Portage Community Financial Services	

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

VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP UPDATES

Mantua Township: John Festa reported that there will be a dedication for the Veterans Memorial following the ceremony held at the cemetery, on Memorial Day. Money has been allotted for repairs that need to be made on the town hall building, before painting can be completed. Road maintenance work is beginning.

Mantua Village: Mayor Linda Clark said the village has applied for an OPWC grant to perform upgrades on the water plant.

Shalersville Township: Denis Bujak reported that bids are being taken for work on Frost Road. The township is applying for grants for road work. The town hall building will soon receive new chairs.

Crestwood Schools: Dave Toth said they are applying for grants for security measures; an online learning academy; a literacy skills project; and school counseling. In 2016 a renewal levy for permanent improvements will be on the election ballot. Improvements are being made to the baseball field. Dave thanked everyone who participated in the recent focus group events and said that changes and improvements are being made at the schools, based on input received from the focus groups.

DMRC: Michelle Barnauskas told the group that DMRC is making contributions for hanging baskets. They are looking for volunteers for their Art on the Hill event. A grants meeting will be held on Thursday, May 29.

Mantua-Shalersville Fire Department: John Festa said that a new squad has been purchased, and their new tanker is now in service.

OLD BUSINESS:

Business After Hours Event: This was held last month.

NEW BUSINESS AND MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scholarship: Recipients have been chosen; each of them will receive a proclamation provided by Josh Mandel's office.

Scholarship Golf Outing: This will be held on June 20; this year is the 10th annual event.

Garage Sales: These will be held on July 18 and 19.

Summer Luncheon: This will be held in July, at Shirley Schuster's house. Watch for an e-mail with date and time.

Mantua Restoration Society: Carole Pollard said 65 people attended the annual meeting.

Flag Burning Ceremony: Linda Clark reported that the American Legion will hold this event on June 21 at the Village Park.

4 C's: Terri Wilde thanked everyone for their contributions. Their next project will be to collect school supplies.

MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, MEMBERSHIP

Minutes: Paulette Nichols motioned to approve the March meeting minutes; Linda Clark seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: There is \$11,072.80 in the checking account; \$10,512.21 in the scholarship account; and \$324.50 in the toy drive account.

DOOR PRIZE:

Congratulations to Michelle Barnauskas, who won a hanging basket donated by Nancy Vines.

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