

January 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes

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

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

In Attendance:

Terri Wilde, Crestwood 4 C's Food Cupboard
Julie Schmidt, Crestwood Schools
Dennis Bujak, Shalersville Township
Dorothy Caldwell, Shalersville Resident
Terri Vechery, DMRC, Mantua Restoration Society
Helen Hazlett, Rotary, Howard Hanna
Karen Bosley, Cortland Bank
Jill Rowe, Crestwood Schools

John Festa, Mantua Township
Christine Pitsinger, Community Journal
Tom Kennedy, Marhsall's Carpet & Upholstery CLeaning
Carole Pollard, Mantua Restoration Society and Village Landmark Commission
Dayton Hickerson, Grand Promotional Products
Carole Pollard, Mantua Restoration
Helene Leightner, OH Dept. of Job & Family Services

Meeting was called to order at 7:41 a.m. Introductions were made.

VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP UPDATES

Mantua Township: John Festa reported that the township has been keeping up with the roads.

Mantua Village: No report.

Shalersville Township: Dennis Bujak reported that the township has been keeping up with the roads. They are also using cinders this year.

Crestwood Schools: Jill Rowe said that the first resolution to put a renewal levy on the May Ballot has passed, the second hearing will be at the February meeting. They have used 4 snow days. Julie Schmidt announced that the Giving Tree program went very well. They were able to help over 70 families in the Crestwood community.

DMRC: Terri Vechery announced that "Art on the Hill" planning is well underway. They have been busy securing the wineries. She also announced that they presented a grant application to council at last night's meeting. The grant money if awarded will be used to extend signage and an easement for the trail through Mantua. Christine Pitsinger announced that the DMRC will host its annual Reverse Raffle fundraiser on March 15 at the K of C Hall. Tickets are \$100/couple and include a steak dinner, open bar and a chance to win \$1000 or other great prizes.

Mantua-Shalersville Fire Department: John Festa announced that they held their first 2015 meeting last Wednesday. They approved a new contract for part-time employees. He also wanted to commend Chief Joe Stoneberg and Asst. Chief Matt Roosa for a job well done! Dennis Bujak added that the cost to have a squad on the other side of the bridge during its replacement was a cost of \$75,000.

NEW BUSINESS AND MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

2015-2016 Officer Nominations: Christine Pitsinger was re-elected president and Paulette Nichols was re-elected treasurer for the 2015-2016 term. The vice-president and secretary position is available.

2015 Membership Drive: Christine Pitsinger stated that the membership dues are coming in and that the 2015 Member Directory will be printed soon. 2015 dues must be paid prior to this to be included.

4 C's: Terri Vechery thanked chamber for their involvement through the "Giving Tree" program. The 4C's Holiday Program benefitted 137 families of which there were 117 children who received gift cards or gifts. She also announced that the 4C's will no longer be able to help with the "Giving Tree" program, stating that there just is not enough manpower to continue the program. The volunteers that they have are just enough to handle the food part of the program. The chamber decided to continue the "Giving Tree" program and will take it over going forward.

Congressman Joyce's Office: Nick Ciofani announced that the congressman would like to speak at an upcoming meeting, but he is in session at all meeting dates through August. John Festa suggested that a meeting date be changed one month to accommodate this. Christine Pitsinger agreed and said that chamber will find a date and time that will work.

Landmark Commission: Carole Pollard announced that the application for Mantua Village to be a "Certified Local Government" is underway. I was sent to Columbus and has now been forwarded to D.C. Having the "CLG" status enables the village to apply for and receive grants that non-CLG entities do not qualify for.

Rotary Club of Mantua: Helen Hazlett announced that Mantua Rotary has been in existence since 1946. Meetings were always held in the evenings and have recently been changed to the mornings. They are held on Tuesdays at Hilltop Christian Church. Everyone is invited! They will be having a UFO Encounters Program on February 24 and will also host a UFO centerpiece contest. Tickets which include a Soup Supper are \$10, Program only tickets are \$5.

Summer Luncheon: Helen Hazlett mentioned the wonderful job that Shirley Schuster did in hosting and organizing the annual Summer Luncheon and offered Camp Hi as the location for the 2015 Summer Luncheon. Carole Pollard announced Shirley's Memorial Service will be held this Saturday, 11AM at the Federated Church in Chagrin Falls.

Friends of Melana: Paulette Nichols announced that chamber received a donation request from Friends of Melana in the amount of \$250. Chamber donated \$250 in 2014. Friends of Melana raises money for Childhood Cancer Research. Dorothy Caldwell made the motion to donate \$250 to Friends of Melana. Terri Wilde seconded the motion. All approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balances Are: Checking: \$9,406.25, Toy Account: 475.89, Golf Scholarship Account: \$14,696.45

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 a.m.