



May 2009 Meeting Minutes

Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce
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In Attendance were:

Bob MacLearie, Mantua Masons
Christine Pitsinger, Community Journal
Cheri Mikula, Mental Health & Recovery Board
Dorothy Caldwell, Shalersville Township
Paulette Nichols, Portage Community Bank
Rebecca Tipton, Ameriprise Financial
Jim Prout, Prout & Associates
Tommie Jo Marsilio, Prosecutor's Office
Marie Stehli, Marie Louise Stehli CPA

Joan Sweet, Middlefield Bank
Dayton Hickerson, Grand Promotional Products
Martin Hura, Mantua Village
Laura Landreth, DMRC
Arden Summers, Crestwood High School
Donna Hawkins, Mayor - Mantua Village
Melissa Lyle, Footprints
Virginia Goodell, Goodell Farms
Amy Cajka, Mental Health & Recovery Board

The meeting was called to order by Marie Stehli at 7:30AM. Introductions were made.

Shalersville Township- Dorothy Caldwell reported Spring Clean up day was May 7-9. The township collected 17 dumpsters full of scrap metals, batteries, tires and other miscellaneous items. The Memorial Day parade begins at 10:00AM, Father Garvey from St. Joseph will perform services. Two paving projects are in progress. Cooley Road is being ditched and paved. Beck Road ending at Coit Road will be paved. These projects estimate at about 1/2 million dollars, Shalersville is paying 40% of this cost which is roughly \$20,000 to \$50,000 more than they anticipated. Marie Steli announced 6 hanging baskets have been purchased and given to Shalersville Township.

Mantua Village- Donna Hawkins reported that the Memorial Day Parade will begin at 9:30 am at The University Hospital building (the old school house on Main Street) and end at the Cemetery. Michelle Stuck was sworn in last night as the new Village Solicitor. Welcome back to Dan Forum. Spring clean up is finished. She thanked everyone who participated in the downtown clean-up/spruce/up. Marie Steli announced 6 banners are in process for the Village to replace the hanging baskets. The township filled 9 dumpsters during clean-up. The Memorial Day parade will begin at 10:15 am at Mantua Center and end at West Lawn Cemetery.

Featured Business- Melissa Lyle, Owner of Footprints, spoke about her business. Footprints is a thriftstore located on Main Street in the Village where she sells New and Used items from kitchen gadgets to furniture along with men, women's, children's apparel. She also has another store front open on Prospect Street where she sells horse tack and misc pet supplies.

Art on the Hill- To be held on July 11, 2009. Laura Landreth is seeking Chamber member volunteers to fill approximately two hour shifts. The group is looking into additional parking. Birdie-Ball Golf will be going on all day at the park, by the baseball fields.

Adventure Triathlon- Edie Benner announced Portage Parks and Advanced Rehab are hosting a Hike, Bike and Canoe triathlon the morning of July 11, 2009, before Art on the Hill, starting at 7:00 a.m. All are invited.

Crestwood High School- Principal Summers announced Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. in the High School cafeteria they will be holding the Community Form meeting about the possibility of a new high school. The State is willing, at this time, to pay 50% of the cost. The high school has done 6 tours this year for the community to understand the necessity for a new school.

April Minutes- A motion was made by Joan Sweet to approve April's meeting minutes, seconded by Bob MacLearie.

Treasurer's Report- The checking balance as of April 30, 2009 was \$7,161.11, the balance on the savings account was \$5,389.17.

Membership- 93 members.

Scholarships- 11 applications were turned in for scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded tonight at the High School by Dorothy Caldwell and Paulette Nichols.

DMRC- Edie Benner thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their \$1,000 donation and for the matching funds. Any chamber member who donates to the DMRC the Chamber will match that donation up to a total of \$500.00. Donation deadline for chamber members is August 1, 2009. The next DMRC meeting will be 7:30 am Friday, May 22, 2009 at Advanced Rehab.

Scholarship Golf Outing- Christine Pitsinger reported the outing date will be on Saturday, June 27 at Ravenswood Golf Course. The Cost is \$65.00 per golfer. A dinner will be included. The committee is looking for Hole Sponsors, the cost \$100.00 a hole. They also need door prizes. Applications for the Hole Sponsors are on the website. Ravenswood has agreed this year to allow the outing to re-schedule if the weather is bad.

Soap Box Derby- Bob MacLearie reported that it will be held in Mantua on June 13th and starts at 9:00 a.m. There will be a full page ad in the brochure for the Chamber of Commerce, Christine Pitsinger is designing the ad and will be listing all members in the ad. You must be a member by June 3rd to be listed.

Website- Christine Pitsinger announced Brent Simon is now doing the website and all is going well. Any corrections that need to be made please call or email her.

Boy Scout Troop Donation request- Paulette Nichols requested a \$50.00 donation. Joan Sweet made a motion to donate \$50.00 to the Boy Scout Troop, Bob MacLearie seconded.

Guess Speaker - Amie Cajka of the Portage County Mental Health & Recovery Board spoke of the services provided by the organization, noting the mental health and treatment success statistics in our county. The organization continues to provide both in-patient and out-patient services to men, women and children in our county. The board works with various mental health facilities to ensure the best care is being provided to those who need it.

Next Meeting- June 17, 2009, no meetings for the months of July and August - check out the website for news updates. **Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m.**