



February 15, 2012 Meeting Minutes

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

2011 - 2012 Officers
Christine Pitsinger, President
Missy Lyle, Vice President
Joan Sweet, Treasurer
Becky Tipton, Secretary

In Attendance:

Bob MacLearie, Mantua Masonic Legion
Dorothy Caldwell, Shalersville Township
Nancy Vines, Shalersville Township
Lonn Safko, Crestwood 4C's
Mark Russell, Ellerhorst Insurance
Rick Frato, Edward Jones
Bill Graham, Camp Asbury
Christine Pitsinger, Community Journal
Paulette Nichols, Shalersville Resident
Arden Sommers, Crestwood High School
Chris Hendershot, Italian Garden
Shirley Schuster, Mantua Township Resident

Dayton Hickerson, Grand Promotional Products
Roberta Zuver, Cortland Banks
Linda Clark, Mantua Village Mayor
Jodie Fiala, Jake's
Tom Kennedy, Marshall's Carpet Cleaning
John Festa, Mantua Township
Virginia Goodell, Goodell Family Farms
Becky Tipton, Ameriprise Financial
Dennis Bujak, Shalersville Township
Kris Worchelsky, Mary Kay
Nick Ciofani, State Treasurer Josh Mandel's Office

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

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP & SCHOOL UPDATES

Mantua Township: John Festa said the town hall has recently been painted, and the gates at the cemetery are being refurbished now.

Mantua Village: No report.

Shalersville Township: Dorothy Caldwell reported that Spring Cleanup will take place during the first full weekend in May. Because of recent mild weather, some roadside mowing and brush trimming has been done.

Crestwood Schools: Arden Sommers said that on February 14 there was an 8th grade event held at the high school. This helps students who will be entering the high school in the fall to get prepared. Students have been taking part in an "American Experience" learning unit, which includes English, Social Studies, and Science coursework and incorporates outdoor events and learning opportunities. The high school is also focusing on drug awareness and prevention.

DMRC: Rick Frato reported that the group has been working on grant writing. On March 24, there will be a Reverse Raffle event at the Knights of Columbus hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Business After-Hours Event: This will be held during the evening on March 14 at Jake's.

Business Showcase: This event will be held at the Shalersville Town Hall in early October.

Scholarship Applications & Committee: Dorothy Caldwell reported that there are 4 members on the committee. Applications have been sent to the high school.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership Renewal: Anyone who still needs an application can find one on the website.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Edward Jones: Rick Frato said that there are several opportunities to open branch offices in the area. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, talk to Rick.

Pancake Breakfasts: Virginia Goodell announced that breakfasts will be held at the Shalersville Town Hall on the first three Sundays in March.

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner: Dorothy Caldwell reported that the Methodist Church will be holding this event on 3/17.

Crestwood 4C's: Lonn Safko said during March and April, they will be participating in a program that will match both cash and canned goods donations that are received. At the next two Chamber meetings, multiple door prizes will be offered – remember that you will receive a door prize ticket for each canned good that you bring!

Camp Asbury: Bill Graham reported that an open house was held at Camp Asbury on Superbowl Sunday. Beginning this Sunday, Bill will be leading hikes at the camp on the third Sunday of each month, during the school year, at 2:00 p.m. Bill said the hikes will offer people a chance to enjoy spiritual time in the outdoors.

MINUTES & MEMBERSHIP

Approval of Minutes: Bob MacLearie motioned to approve the January 2012 minutes; Paulette Nichols seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Membership: There are currently 81 members. 2012 window clings are available.

DOOR PRIZE

Congratulations to Lonn Safko, who won a hot/cold cup set, donated by University Hospitals, and Bill Graham, who won a Chamber of Commerce candy jar, donated by Grand Promotional Products.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 a.m.