

March 19, 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:

Edie Benner, Advanced Rehab, DMRC	Mark Russell, Ellerhorst Russell Insurance	Dave Toth, Crestwood Local Schools
Christine Pitsinger, Community Journal	Becky Tipton, Ameriprise Financial	Jim Oster, Oster Rentals, DMRC
Dayton Hickerson, Grand Promotional Products	Tom Kennedy, Marshall's Carpet Cleaning	Carole Pollard, Mantua Township Resident
Ron Lance, Diversified Enterprises	Christopher Perme, Perme Financial Group	Michelle Rios, Perme Financial Group
Nancy Vines, Shalersville Resident	Kathy Vanek, Middlefield Bank	John Festa, Mantua Twp. Trustee
Shirley Schuster, Mantua Twp. Resident	Dorothy Caldwell, Shalersville Twp. Resident	Virginia Goodell, Goodell Family Farm
Norm Fashing, Friends of Melana	Ellie Boyer, Crestwood 4C's	

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VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP UPDATES

Mantua Township: John Festa reported that road patch work is getting started. New heaters are to be installed in the township garage.

Mantua Village: No report.

Shalersville Township: Nancy Vines said that there are plans to build a walking path around Shalersville Park.

Crestwood Schools: David Toth reported that the schools have used nine snow days. Four of these days will have to be made up. A strategic planning project is to begin, and a series of focus group events has been scheduled. \$2.2M of Federal and state funding has been lost over the past few years.

DMRC: Edie Benner reminded everyone that the Reverse Raffle will be held on Saturday, March 22.

Mantua-Shalersville Fire Department: John Festa announced that they have taken possession of their new tanker truck. Bill Zoller is a new Fire Board member.

FEATURED BUSINESS: Goodell Family Farm.

Virginia Goodell told the group that the farm was built in and has been making maple syrup since 1825. They have been holding pancake breakfasts for the past 30 years.

NEW BUSINESS AND MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

DMRC: Edie Benner announced a chili cookoff event will be held on Friday, March 21.

Friends of Melana: Norm Fashing said the organization is now three years old and has qualified for 501(c)(3) status. During this time, they have held six fundraisers and raised \$40,000. Matching donations and other programs have allowed the organization to generate many times this amount of money, which has all been used to fund research for children's glioma cancer. See Norm if you would like to be a sponsor or donate to the race event, to be held in the summer.

Crestwood 4C's: Ellie Boyer reminded the group that the FeinSTEIn challenge is being held during March and April. During this time, the organization will be eligible to receive matching donations for a portion of the food and cash donations they receive.

2014 Scholarships: The deadline for applications to be received is April 1.

Scholarship Golf Outing: This event will be held on June 20. JoAnn Vance and Graham Harmon are organizing the event. See one of them if you would like to help; sponsor a hole; or donate a door prize.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

2014 Budget: This has been finalized. An accountant will be working on filing an income tax return for the Chamber.

MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, MEMBERSHIP

Minutes: John Festa noted that the February minutes did not include the Fire Board report. Dorothy Caldwell motioned to approve the February 2014 meeting minutes, with this amendment, and Nancy Vines seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: No report was available.

DOOR PRIZE

Congratulations to Ellie Boyer, who won maple syrup donated by Virginia Goodell of Goodell Family Farms.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.