

Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce

General Membership Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2011
12:00 PM, Dan's River Grill

Attendees: Ray Berg, Carol Britten, Jay Demski, Jenna Bognoski, Peggy Allen, Shuhei Kaneko, Daisuke Sogo, Barry Allen, Carl Curtis, Karl Racenis, Julia Gregg, Janet Larson, David Veselenak, Beth Tomaszewski, Kevin Sterling, Kathy Roberts, Laura Seyfried, Sharon Curtis

Meeting called to order at 12:30pm, introductions. The agenda was motioned for approval by Barry Allen, second by Janet Larson, approved.

Program:

Patti McCabe, President of the Kiwanis Club of Manchester, provided an overview of the Kiwanis history and mission in Manchester. She reviewed the general Kiwanis objectives and how they are implemented specifically in our community. Information literature was provided for the members.

Secretary's Report: Not available at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve Carl Curtis, support Barry Allen.

Reports from Standing Committees:

Manufacturers: None

Membership: 111 members, pending a few renewal reminders.

DDA/Website: Karl Racenis provided an update on the Streetscape and street lighting status, noting ongoing discussions with Consumers Energy on quantity and type of lights versus previous and current price quotes.

Old Business:

Ray Berg, Janet Larson and Karl Racenis reported on the Ann Arbor Art Fair Townie Street Party and the Manchester promotion booth.

Ray Berg reported on the Fairie Festival results from August 4.

A Gateway Communities Initiative update was provided, concerning the fund-raising concert results, the Manchester team meeting and developing the agri-tourism marketing program.

The Ragin' Raisin Dirt Classic Bike Race has been postponed until 2012 by the organizers.

Janet Larson spoke on the upcoming social media workshops, being held September - November under the sponsorship of the Washtenaw Council of Chambers. An information flyer was presented to the members.

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New Business:

The Manchester Community Schools Staff Appreciation breakfast is Monday August 29. Janet Larson will represent the Chamber at this event.

The Chamber annual meeting and election of officers for 2011 will be held on Monday, September 12, 2011 just prior to the general membership meeting.

Laura Seyfried reported that the CRC has been selected by the Meijer's store on Jackson Road as the current benefactor of a gift donation card program. Information was provided to members.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.