

Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce

General Membership Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2011

12:00 noon, Dan's River Grill

Attendees: Ray Berg, Cathy Dodak, Rick Taepke, Dee Miles, David Veselenak, Sue Maher, Bonnie Greenwald, Heather Sturm, Karl Racenis, Janet Larson, Bill Chizmar, Kevin Sterling, Michele Ingalls, Julia Gregg, Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Rose Cousino, Ken Ascher, Barry Allen, Peggy Allen, Mark Palms, Ron King, Kathy Roberts, Carl Curtis.

Meeting called to order at 12:30pm, introductions, agenda motioned for approval by Barry Allen, second by Carl Curtis, approved.

Program:

Heather Sturm, Manchester District Library presented on the "Michigan Humanities Council Traveling Exhibit: The Way We Worked!" This is a Smithsonian exhibit for six weeks. They are working on a \$1,500 grant application due April 1, 2011. It will show the diversity of work in our area both now and in the past. Showing will be in the summer of 2013. The equipment room near the Village offices may be the location.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve Barry Allen, support Janet Larson

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve Shawn Lewis-Lakin, support Barry Allen

Reports from Standing Committees:

Manufacturers: None

Membership: 57 renewals so far.

Website: In the past year there have been 1,878 visitors to the site and 3,118 visits with the Home, Activities and Membership List pages being the most viewed.

DDA: Planning for M-52 at the four-way stop is moving along. Construction will not begin until after September 1, 2011. Several public meetings will happen this summer.

Old Business:

Ray Berg provided an update on the Ragin' Raisin race. It has been postponed until October because the timing was too tight for an April race.

Business Expo - June 2: Packages will be emailed to Chamber members next week.

Golf Outing - June 15th: Kevin reported that they are just getting call backs on pricing. Sponsorship mailings coming soon. Julia has heard some people have problems getting off work on a weekday. Bill mentioned that CRC has done it in the past on Saturday.

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Washtenaw County Council of Chambers: Janet attended the last meeting. Communication between chambers was stressed. Social media information will be coming.

New Business:

President's Report - Ray Berg:

- * Ray toured Manchester for three days with the crew from "Undaunted Courage" movie. Manchester is viewed very favorably.
- * The "Lucky Christmas" movie crew was in town taking many pictures. Things are on hold due to a work visa issue.
- * The "Cedar Rapids" movie now showing has a scene from Manchester.
- * Karl gave updates on the Wellness Coalition assessment activities.
- * The GCI regional branding group is trying to find the right image/logo/etc.
- * Shared-Use Path funding is making progress. It should start in 2012. Public comment time will be coming.
- * Manchester 2011 promotional brochure is a 12 page booklet to be printed in a few weeks.

Riverfolk Street Party: There was a discussion about the location- keep at Carr Park or move downtown. Downtown would be more expensive.

Shawn Lewis-Lakin passed around a flyer for the May 3, 2011 Special Education Millage Renewal Request and discussed its content.

Relay for Life - June 17-18th: Bill Chizmar presented the plans. It will be held at the high school track 5:00pm-5:00pm. Contact Chris Fegan for information.

General Announcements:

The Extravaganza is March 17th. The Group Walk is March 26th.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm.