

**Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2007**

Present: Bob Desoff, Chris Fegan, Kari Newman, Kathy Roberts, Christine Yob, Ray Berg, David Brown, Susan Gisting, Nancy Bihlmeijer, Carol Britten, Pat Fielder, Jesse O'Jack, Pat Vaillencourt, Tom Ash, Jody Flowers, Carl Curtis, Karl Racenis, Sharon Curtis, Debie Johnson, Janet Larson. Ken Ascher, Chris Kanta

Called to Order: 12:20

Welcome and Introductions

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept - Tom Ash, Second – Sharon Curtis

Treasurers Report: Ending balance of \$8216.45. Motion to accept – Pat Vaillencourt, Second – Jody Flowers

Program: Rustic Glen Golf Course with Greg Hodges cancelled due to illness.

MACC/CRC Golf Outing Committee Update: Janet Larson mentioned that there are 17 teams signed up and a good response for hole sponsors. There will be some great hole-in-one prizes including a \$10,000 award and a trip to Scotland. Chris Kanta spoke about how hard the committee has worked for the outing and thanked everyone involved: Patti Keezer, Patti Burton, Dave Petsch, Janet Larson, Steve Anderson, and Chris Kanta

Manufacturers: No report

Membership: There have been two new members since last meeting. Renewal letters will go out in the next couple of weeks.

Website: Chris Fegan thanked Karl Racenis for quickly posting Dr. Oegema's retirement party on the site. Karl mentioned that the minutes of the chamber meetings are posted. He will make a folder to access past minutes.

Merchants: Sharon Curtis said that the Merchants group voted to disband. The group was small and was putting on large community events with little help and resources. The ending balance in the checking account is \$7.00. Sharon and Nancy Bihlmeijer will continue to help with the apples for Halloween. A discussion ensued on the direction and feasibility to offer a variety of events. Some of the questions raised were: Is there enough volunteers to go around for the variety of community events? Could some events be combined such as Christmas in the Village and Oktoberfest? What should the role of the chamber be?

Christine Yob will look at the possibility of a committee of the chamber to take over some of the activities.

Old Business

Police Steering: The Village has finished its budget. A decision has been made to cut the number of deputies from 4 to 3. There doesn't seem to be any movement from townships to pick up costs of police protection. Townships currently expect protection from the State Police even though there is a mandate not to travel more than 60 miles a day. The Village will offer aid where possible and will not let anyone die over dollars.

Flowers on Main Street: Thanks to Mike Helton at the Flower Garden and Kathy Roberts and staff at United Bank and Trust for help in planting flowers on Main Street.

New Business

Chamber Office: The new location for the chamber office is in the Comerica Building. There have been some non-members leaving brochures and flyers.

Workshop on Fiduciary Responsibilities: A date to be set-up with nonprofits.

Correspondence: After the Prom Party sent a note of thanks for the chamber's donation of \$200. The money enabled the group to buy many prizes for the students.

Announcements:

MACC/CRC Golf Outing, June 14

Ash Auto Grand Opening, June 16

Music Man Production, June 21 - 24

Barnraisers Softball Benefit, June 23

Fireworks, July 3

Manchester Community Fair, July 10 - 14

54th Annual Chicken Broil July 19

Motion to Adjourn: Kathy Roberts

Adjournment: 1:20

Respectfully submitted: Chris Kanta