

Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2007

Dan's River Grill

Present: Therese Bossory, Karl Racenis, Carl Curtis, Sharon Curtis, Carol Britten, Pat Vaillencourt, Ray Berg, Veronica White, Christine Yob, Chris Fegan, Kari Newman, Jeff Wallace, Bob Desoff, Jessy O'Jack, Janet Larson, Nancy Bihlmeyer, Dan Huntsberger, Mike Huey, Kathy Roberts, Kathleen Lance, Ruth Burch, Laura Seyfried, Stasia Bredermitz, Jamie Seyfried, Andy Bobo, David Brown, Susan Gisting, Chris Kanta

Meeting called to order: 12:10 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions

Secretary's report: Motion to accept – Kari Newman
Second – Karl Racenis

Treasurer report: Ending balance \$4671.98 Motion to accept – Sue Gisting
Second – Pat Vaillencourt

Relay for Life presented by the American Cancer Society: Laura Seyfried event chairperson, Stasia Bredermitz, and Jamie Seyfried discussed the upcoming event to be held at Chelsea Community Fairgrounds on May 19 & 20. Manchester area participation was encouraged.

The event's focus:

Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

Program: Open House for New Businesses sponsored by the MACC

Chris Fegan, Kari Newman, and Chris Kanta discussed the upcoming Open House for new businesses in town. The event headed by Jim Mann, will take place at the American Legion Hall on March 29 from 11:30 to 6 p.m. Local business, civic groups, churches and anyone who wishes to promote the well being of Manchester is invited to reserve a table at \$20. Invitation letters from the chamber have gone out to local businesses. Pat Vaillencourt is sending a formal invitation from the Village to the new industries along with posters announcing the open house.

Standing Committees

Manufacture: No report

Membership: Sharon Curtis expressed thanks to Bob Desoff for his years of work on the membership. She apologized to premier members for some data loss but is working to correct in the transition. A discussion on billing, prorating, and the membership year was held.

Website: Karl Racenis stated that updates to the website are done once a month usually before the upcoming chamber meeting.

Merchants: Veronica mentioned that the Merchants group is working on fundraising. The first *M Manchester Magazine* has gone out. Chamber members expressed gratitude for the collective effort on the first publication. The Hodgepodge section listed the incorrect time for the Open House. The correct time should be 11:30 a.m. through 6 p.m. The second edition of the magazine is working on a promotion to *Spring into Town*.

Old Business

Police Steering: Pat Vaillencourt discussed the ongoing talks at the table.

Wireless Washtenaw: Ray Berg mentioned that there will be a public forum on March 26 at the high school. The forum will be a presentation on what Wireless Washtenaw can do for students, home business and many others. There will be a demonstration of the system and a discussion of the impact on students. On March 19, anyone interested may stop by the Coffee Mill and try out the new system. Someone will be on hand to answer questions.

Golf Outing: Janet Larson gave an update on the committee's progress. The group is still working on a site to host the outing and hopes to have a date and place for the outing within the next week. Donations from members of each organization are encouraged. A box for donated items to be used in the goodie bags for golfers will be provided at meetings. The committee hopes to involve surrounding area Chambers of Commerce to encourage networking.

New Business

After the prom party: Tickets are available at a cost of \$10. The ticket numbers give you a chance to win \$300 and \$100 this year.

Announcements

No announcements

Dates to Remember

- April 18 – Spaghetti Dinner at the American Legion. Benefit for Kathy Roberts' granddaughter. Large ticket items needed for the auction call Kim.
- April 7 Easter Egg Hunt

- May 19 Ribs & Blue Fest
- May 20 Canoe Race
- June 23 - Barn Raisers Softball Tournament

Meeting Adjourned at 1:50

Respectfully submitted by Chris Kanta