

Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2007

Present: Kari Newman, Kathryn Lance, Kathy Roberts, Jesse O'Jack, Sue Gisting, David Brown, Michele Ingalls, Jim Holland, Nancy Bihlmeyir, David Petsch, Carol Britten, Janet Larson, Carl Curtis, Sharon Curtis, Ken Ascher, Brett Huppenbauer, Bob Wahr, Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Dianne Schwab, Karl Racenis, Debie Johnson, Pat Vaillencourt, Tom Ash, Heather Sturm

Called to order 12:13 PM

Secretary's Report:

Janet Larson taking notes on Chris Kanta's behalf. Motion to approve last month's minutes Karl Racenis, second Janet Larson.

Treasurers Report:

Motion to approve Sharon Curtis, Second Bob Wahr.

Program: Heather Sturm, Manchester District Library: Resource center for small Business owners. New MP3 audio books, TV Shows on DVD. Current plans for renovations accommodate for the addition of the elevator. Obtained three bids and settled with Mercer out of Jackson. Hope to obtain more Personal Computers, popular in use. Current goals are to have 35,000 items in the inventory, which continues to be a challenge to rotate unused material. State funding is being cut back from the coops used to purchase goods and services. Book sales are costly in labor. The Library Leases the building. Some expense is for the programming for Youth and Adults. There are eight Board of Trustees. Information is available at the Library regarding the Finances and Board minutes. Non-Resident fee is annual \$90 per household. Please come and see what your Library has to offer.

Manufacturers

Pat Vaillencourt: viewed side plans for Martinrea Insustries to add 13,000 sq. ft. And AmCor PET Packaging is seeking an addition to parking to accommodate corporate positions back to Manchester.

Membership

Sharon Curtis: 111 members and 29 of which are premier member. Need to verify membership fees in the by-laws if pro-rata after mid year.

Website

Karl Racenis: Posted preliminary 2008 dates – update when possible.

Activities

Bob Wahr spoke for **Christine Yob** Looking for volunteers for the Oktober Fest to be held on September 15th, Saturday. See Merchants for Duck Race details. Ron Milkey working with Christine.

DDA

Karl Racenis: Still waiting for downtown enhancement Grant.

Police Steering

Pat Vaillencourt: Still defining counties share and getting agreement on five points in contracts. Working w/ Herb Mahoney. Mileage is limited for sheriffs. Ideas have been mentioned for regional police, utilizing county coverage...drawing lines for usage. Community voice is being heard.

By-Laws

Sharon Curtis: Proposed changes to by-laws. Committee felt by-laws didn't describe Chamber mission statement, voting, board of directors etc...Comments and voting on by-laws are critical to upcoming elections of new officers. Email Sharon Curtis at shcurtis@hughes.net

Motion: by Pat Vaillencourt: All members be notified of By-Law proposal, if email unavailable the postage. The Current By-Laws, Articles of incorporation and the proposed by-laws be posted on the website. Next meeting will be discussion for changes. Dave Petsch seconded

Elections: Motion to delay nominating. Dianne Schwab, second Sharon Curtis. Patty Keezer and Chris Kanta nominating committee.

New Business

Karl Racenis: Ann Arbor Area Convention & Visitors Bureau has publication yearly – deadline is September. Would propose community functions such as Chicken Broil, River folk Festival etc consider. Next meeting Karl will have the specifics. Saline Celtic ad was filled – the Chamber needn't pay difference.

September 11th Village Voting

September 15th Oktober Fest

Adjourn 1:30 PM Sharon Curtis, Second Karl Racenis

Respectfully submitted: Janet Larson