

Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce

General Membership Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2011

12:00 noon, Dan's River Grill

Attendees: Ray Berg, Carol Britten, Janet Larson, Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Ken Ascher, Kathy Roberts, Bruce Bates, Elizabeth Beaudoin, Beth Tumaszewski, Kevin Sterling, Sue Maher, Karl Racenis, David Veselenak, Dee Miles, Carl Curtis, Sharon Curtis, Sue Knasiak, Barry Allen, Peggy Allen, Laura Seyfried, Rick Taepke.

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

Program:

Barry Allen presented information about the Lions Club and how they benefit our community, the state and the country. Activities the Lions Club is involved in include: Leader Dogs for the Blind, Paws for Cause, Michigan Eye Bank, disaster relief, Youth Exchange, Kid Sight, Peace Poster, Eye Surgery Grants, Day Care for the Blind, Michigan Braille Transcribing Funding, Radio Reading Service for the Blind, Sight Mobile, Visual Impaired, Diabetes, and Arthritis camps, and much more.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve Barry Allen, support Peggy Allan

Treasurer's Report: May 9th- Motion to approve Carl Curtis, support Peggy Allen. June 13th- Motion to approve Sue Knasiak, support Peggy Allen. It was noted that the payment to Janet Larson was for flowers.

Reports from Standing Committees:

Manufacturers: None

Membership: A little less than 100 members now, 11 or 12 have not yet renewed.

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.

Website: So far this year 5,000 people have viewed the web site.

Old Business:

Business Expo - June 2: Ray reported that there were 40 exhibitor booths and the usual perfect Chamber weather.

Golf Outing - June 15th: Janet reported that there were 15 teams, many sponsored Gopher Signs and many volunteers.

Ann Arbor Art Fair Townie Street Party - Monday July 18th planning: Ray reported that we will have a booth there from 3:00-8:30. Volunteers are needed to be at the booth and hand out

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information and answer questions about Manchester. Karl suggested that we make business card sized handouts with the website on them for those that want to be eco-friendly and not use a lot of paper.

GCI Regional Branding program: Ray reported there will be a Missy Raines fundraiser concert July 22. Flyers will be sent to Chamber members. He is working with Mark Lance, the Pure Michigan promoter.

New Business:

President's Report - Ray Berg:

- * A meeting and report will be coming soon about the Manchester Shared-Use Trail.
- * The Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Chamber approves the NITC Bridge to connect Detroit and Windsor.
- * The AAACVB Out-County Chambers are planning a baseball tournament in 2012.
- * New Manchester Chamber Members are C & C Pizza and Manchester Beverage Shoppe.

ArtWalk: Manchester is not participating because it is more geared towards studio than stores like those we have in town.

Downtown flowers maintenance: Janet planted flowers downtown and on the bridge. We discussed how to maintain the flowers. Janet has cans for watering. Suggestions: watering would be needed every day in July and August. Try using the High School Booster Club to do the watering.

Run Manchester planning: Chelsea Wellness gave a \$500 grant for snacks and water for the runners. 500-600 people are expected.

General Announcements:

Relay for Life- June 17-18, Gazebo Concerts begin June 16 at 7:30pm, Manchester Fireworks- July 3, Manchester Community Fair- July 5-9.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09pm.