

Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce

Annual and General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2011
12:00 PM, Dan's River Grill

Sign-In Attendees: Ray Berg, Carol Britten, Bill Chizmar, Dee Miles, Janet Larson, Jody Flowers, Carl Curtis, Sharon Curtis, David Veselenak, Beth Tomaszewski, Kevin Sterling, Michele Ingalls, Kathy Roberts, Matt Donnellon

General membership meeting called to order at 12:30pm by Ray Berg, introductions. The agenda was motioned for approval by Janet Larson, seconded by Sharon Curtis, approved. The general meeting was suspended for the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting:

Carl Curtis moderated the annual meeting. Elections were held. Nominations for two year terms were announced: President – Janet Larson, Secretary – Rick Taepke, Trustees – Jody Flowers and Michele Ingalls. Nominations for one-year terms were announced: Vice-President – Kevin Sterling, Trustee – Ray Berg. A call for additional nominations was made. Hearing none, Bill Chizmar motioned to close the nominations, Sharon Curtis seconded. Election by ballot resulted in election of all nominees to the positions. There being no further business brought forward, moderator Curtis adjourned the annual meeting.

Janet Larson assumed the Presidency and resumed the general membership meeting.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve Carl Curtis, support Dee Miles, approved.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve Sharon Curtis, support Carl Curtis, approved.

Reports from Standing Committees:

Manufacturers: None

Membership: Ray Berg reported 108 members pending a few outstanding renewals.

DDA: Ray Berg reported briefly on the M-52 project status and the street lighting issues.

Old Business:

Ray Berg reported on the Gateway Communities Initiative project, and the impending hiring of Mark Lantz to develop the GCI branding program. The annual update meeting of all GCI teams is scheduled for November 4 in Chelsea.

Janet Larson reported on Oktoberfest planning for September 17. All activities are coming together. The Men's Club car show will be on Adrian Street this year, rather than Main Street as in the past. Additional volunteers for the day will be helpful.

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Janet Larson updated members on the upcoming Washtenaw Council of Chambers meeting September 14, which Manchester is hosting at the Village Hall.

Janet Larson reminded members of the upcoming social media workshops, being held September - November under the sponsorship of the Washtenaw Council of Chambers.

New Business:

Manpower is hosting a job fair at the CRC on Tuesday, September 13. This is the third job fair in a year at the CRC.

Janet Larson and Ray Berg reported on the Western Washtenaw economic development meeting conducted September 9 by Mark Ouimet, AA SPARK and the MEDC at the Chelsea Comfort Inn.

Janet Larson reported on the MCS Staff Appreciation Breakfast held August 29.

Christmas in the Village planning is beginning. We already have potential participants calling to reserve space at the craft shows.

Ray Berg reported on planning for the 5 Healthy Towns Party to be held September 25 at the Chelsea High School. Manchester will have a display booth and the Healthy Chefs team from Manchester High School will be participating in a competition.

Sharon Curtis discussed the Caramel Apple Tradition event on Halloween. She wishes to step down from her long-time duties organizing this event, and is seeking one or more person(s) to take over leadership on this event.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40pm.