

**Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2008**

Present: Tom Ash, Barb Fuller, Kathy Roberts, Kevin Sterling, Kari Newman, Ray Berg, Karl Racenis, Janet Larson, Pat Vaillencourt, Jesse O'Jack, Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Kathy Roberts, Carl Curtis, Sharon Curtis, Daniel Lai, Gary Paul, Christine Yob, John Manor, Rebecca Stucki, Chris Kanta

Called to Order: 12:15

Welcome and Introductions

There was no Program in light of the Oktoberfest meeting which follows.

Secretary's Report: The report was approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance: \$9,763.90 Ending: \$9,691.38. Report was approved as presented.

Manufacturers: No report.

Membership: Two new names have been added. Total membership is above 100.

Website: Karl Racenis has posted a draft event calendar. Everyone is encouraged to check and see if the dates and point of contact information is correct. The Ann Arbor Observer will receive the information for publication.

DDA: No report.

Old Business

Annual Meeting & Dinner: A head count is needed by Sept. 19. A special program will celebrate the 175th anniversary of the beginning of commerce in Manchester. Presentations will be made by Ray Berg, Howard Parr and Alan Dyer.

Annual Financial Review: Cindy Dresch has completed her review of the MACC books from last year. The beginning and ending balances have been verified. It is important for every check written to have an invoice or receipt in addition to approval in the minutes.

Update on Oktoberfest: Christine Y. reported many things are planned for the Kids' Corner. The Lions Club will be assisting and kids who bring in eyeglasses will get in free. Duck selling will take place at football games, farmers' market and other places around town. Bed races begin at 1:30. Other activities include a car show and 50's music. There will be more details and planning for this upcoming event at the end of the chamber meeting.

New Business

President's Report:

- Teacher's Appreciation Breakfast held Aug 28, was a success. The event was sponsored by the Manchester Optimists, Manchester Lions, Manchester Kiwanis and the MACC.
- *Thrills of Mills* brochures are at the MACC site. Today marks the 100th anniversary of the Model T.
- The MACC Manchester brochure will include more information and has been a combined effort of the DDA, Chamber and Historical Society.
- Chris Fegan has resigned from the Board.

Announcements:

- The School Board will host a special community meeting Sept 17 to discuss state funding for public education as it relates to the Manchester Community School District
- Oktoberfest – Sept 20, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- MACC Annual Meeting Sept 24, 6 p.m. at Dan's River Grill
- Village - Jim Holland has resigned from Council

Respectfully submitted: Chris Kanta