

## **Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce**

Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2007

Dan's River Grill

**Present:** Therese Bossory, Bob Desoff, Karl Racenis, Carl Curtis, Sharon Curtis, Dawn Steele, Kathy Roberts, Mike Huey, Kari Newman, Chris Fegan, Kathy Davis, Carol Britten, Pat Valliencourt, Dana Andrews, Sgt Anuszkiewicz, Jeff Saren, Ray Berg, Bill Chizmar, Patty Keezer, Tom Ash, Chris Kanta

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

### **Introductions & Welcome:**

Donnellon Insurance

Dr. Dana Andrews, Andrews Family Chiropractic Grand Opening – Feb. 17

**Minutes of previous meeting** not presented. The secretary's position is not currently filled.

**Treasurer report:** Position vacancy. Balance in the checking account \$5036.82

**Program:** Calendar Planning - Inputs from chamber members with monthly events to be posted on the chamber website.

### **Standing Committees**

**Manufacture** – No report

**Membership** –2007 membership forms have gone out and are also available on the chamber website.

**Website** – Calendar updated. Updated pictures are needed for the events posted.

**DDA** – There is an enhancement grant for 2008 and MDOT will be working on it.

### **Old Business**

**Police Steering:** Emergency contact lists will be tested once a month. Changes have taken place in the Washtenaw Sheriff's Department. Sgt. Jim Anuszkiewicz introduced Deputy Jeff Saren who is replacing Cindy Flint. He joins Joe Ballard, Marcus Kirby, Ed Kovach, and Sgt. Jim Anuszkiewicz at the Manchester station.

**Board of Directors:** Vacancy of secretary filled by Chris Kanta. Vacancy of treasurer filled by Kathy Roberts.

### **Election Results:**

Chris Fagen, President

Kari Newman, Vice President

Chris Kanta, Secretary

Kathy Roberts, Treasurer

**Members of the board** include: Therese Bossory, Carol Britten, Sharon Curis, Jody Flowers, Patty Keezer, Ron Milkey, Karl Racenis and Pat Valliencourt

**Housing Fair:** Report by Kari Newman on the fair held at River Ridge Apartment/Condo clubhouse, during Christmas in the Village. Attendance was small due in part to the economy and new industry moving to town but not yet to the point of needing housing information.

**New Business**

**Volunteer of the year nomination:** Kari Newman

**Bulk Mail Stamp:** There are 3 stamps available for use.

**Announcements:**

- Dues are now due.
- School Board Recognition taking place during the month of January
- Planning Commission meeting will discuss ordinance changes. The consideration of the sign ordinance may be of particular interest to chamber members.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Recognition Banquet – January 19 at Chelsea Community Hospital
- Barn Raisers update – Less than \$10,000 needed for the proposed total budget

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Ron Milkey

Kari Newman, second the motion

Next Meeting: March 12, 2007

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Special Meeting of the Board

January 8, 2007

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Called to Order:

Announcements:

Village Gifts is for sale.

Tasks for the upcoming year:

**Chamber newsletter**- Carol Britten

**Ann Arbor Visitors and Convention Bureau contact** - Bill Chizmar

**Golf Committee** - Patty Keezer, Patty Burton, Chris Kanta, Steve Anderson, Jody Flowers, Dave Petsch, Chris Fegan

**Welcome new businesses and personally visit** -Kari Newman, Chris Kanta, Therese Bossory

**Website** - Karl Racenis

**Membership** – Sharon Curtis

**Election 2008: Nominating Committee** will be members of the board consisting of Patty Keezer and Chris Kanta. The committee will meet in August or September.

Bylaws: Update will be provided by Karl Racenis, Sharon Curtis, Dianne Schwab, Carl Curtis.

Bylaws recommendations will be reviewed prior to the February 12 meeting date at 10 a.m.

Discussion on checks and balances for handling money.

Two signatures on checks

Mini audit. Kari will check to see if Cindy Dresche is willing to undertake an audit.

Fundraising Ideas:

Fun Run - Chris Fegan and Chris Kanta to explore the possibility.

Holiday Home Tour. Could take place during Christmas in the Village.

Discussion on the IRS legal status of the Chamber.

Golf Committee will meet end of January.

Meeting Adjourned.