

**Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2007**

Present: Chris Fegan, Kari Newman, Ray Berg, David Brown, Susan Gisting, Jesse O'Jack, Carl Curtis, Karl Racenis, Sharon Curtis, Debie Johnson, Janet Larson, Jim Holland, Jeff Wallace, Dianne Schwab, Ron Milkey, Bill Chizmar, Jim Mann, Ruth Burch, Tom Ash, Patty Keezer, Veronica Martin, Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Chris Kanta

Called to Order: 12:15

Welcome and Introductions

Secretary's Report: The minutes were reviewed and accepted

Treasurers Report: Starting balance: \$7375.61. Ending balance of \$7519.40.

Program: "The State of the Schools"

Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Manchester District School Superintendent

Manufacturers: Jeff Wallace reported Martinrea will be adding 33,000 square feet and more jobs in the area.

Membership: There has been one new member since last meeting.

Website: Karl reported that edits have been done. Candidates for the upcoming election will be posted as soon as the nominating committee submits them.

Activities: Christmas in the Village will happen and the planning is underway. Signs will be going up soon.

DDA: The Village will be doing enhancements on Main Street with the \$770,000 awarded for the facelift. Work on M-52 will begin next year and the project will run into 2009.

Old Business

Police Steering: No report

Bylaws: Of the 111 chamber members, the current bylaws ask for 51% of a voting membership for approval of bylaw changes. There were 64 voting responses returned, with 56 yes and 8 that waived their vote.

Elections & Annual Dinner: Invitations are ready to go out for the Oct 24 MACC Annual Dinner. The dinner will begin 6 p.m. at a cost of \$25.00 per person. There will be a Las Vegas style night included.

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New Business

Volunteer of the Year Nomination: Ron Milkey will do the write-up for the nomination of Christine Yob for the 20th Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet.

Work on M-52- A discussion was held on the possible relocation of the Borek Jennings Funeral Home at Main Street due to the work being done on M-52 next year.

Announcements:

Nov 9 - Crab Races

Nov. 16 - Christmas in the Village

Nov. 30 – 20th Annual CRC Volunteer Recognition Banquet sponsored by Chelsea Community Hospital

Adjournment: 1:25

Respectfully submitted: Chris Kanta