

Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2007
Dan's River Grill

Present: Kari Newman, Pat Vaillencourt, Dan Huntsberger, Mike Bossory, Jim Mann, Don Limpert, Kathy Roberts, Janet Larson, Karl Racenis, Patty Keezer, Jody Flowers, Tom Ash, Bill Chizmar, Tom Lavender, Carl Curtis, Sharon Curtis, Bob Desoff, David Brown, Susan Gistingier, Jesse O'Jack, Ed Freundl, Mike Huey

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

Introductions

Secretary's report: Chris Kanta not present, Janet Larson will be taking notes on Chris's behalf.

Treasurer report: Bills paid from open house. Paid for it's self, still waiting for a couple booths payment. Motion to accept – Jim Mann, Second- Bill Chizmar

SWCOG – Pat Vaillencourt Southwestern Washtenaw Council of Governments
Regional Plan: Pat Vaillencourt presented an article for “In Magazine”
History of SWCOG over 10 years ago organized with chief elections and met once a month with village & schools reviewing issues & resources available. Discussing the benefits of sharing resources. All working towards a Good community regional plan... which has in the meantime collected dust, used as a worthwhile reference. Now this is eligible to receive funds from government association, which requires a review of this regional plan to update legally and present to boards for future growth. Timing in Michigan is critical for development for protecting the growth to attract people and business. The state is firm with communities that work and share together will have incentives to do so. This plan will assist in elected officials to do their jobs that they were elected to do, including but not limited to unplanned growth and developments. The committee will meet Wednesday to do thorough research to represent and implement an acceptable regional plan. Public input is welcome from schools, business and residents. Legal checks and balances with collective representation. Please meet with your local officials and support each other.

Standing Committees

Manufacturers: No Report

Membership: Sharon Curtis 100 Total members, 27 of which are premier. A couple of outstanding membership dues still outstanding.

Web-site: Karl Racenis Updated membership listing. Site was down for about two weeks, host was approached and apologies were expressed for the inconvenience. Still need business cards for premier members if not already posted. The calendar is updated also.

Merchants: No Report

DDA: Karl Racenis In process to receive grant

Old Business

Police Steering: Pat Vaillencourt Lawsuits still in progress. Disagreements with sharing of costs yet to be resolved. Hope to meet with Herb Mahoney for more discussion.

Wireless Washtenaw: Public Forum went well, we were well represented.

Golf Outing: Janet Larson Committee chose June 14 at our newest member Golf Course, Rustic Glen in Bridgewater twp. Registration form is on website, thank you Karl.

Open House Report: Jim Mann Great Business turnout, low industry turnout. People were impressed, Hall was given to us for this use. Some have suggested a yearly event publicly announced for the community. Good for networking.

New Business

After Prom Party Donation: Prom is May 5th Bob Desoff motioned for officers to determine if repeat of last years donation of \$200 be given. Pat seconded.

Barnraisers Softball Tournament – June 23 @ Alumni Field The Barn structure has been ordered with the deposit, estimated delivery is 2-3 months. We will be looking for volunteers for the community building of the structure.

Announcements

School Board Elections – Two positions open, with Four people running

Music Man Auditions – Start April 9th at Nellie Ackerson Building. For more details visit Riverfolk.org

Haley Ray Spagetti Dinner – Legion Hall Wednesday 5 PM with Silent Auction

Village Planning Meeting – Village Hall at 7:45 Public Hearing for new zoning class 8:00 Rezoning request by Don Limpert.

Don Limpert will be 80 – Party to be held River Ridge Club House Sunday May 6th from 3 PM to 7 PM.

Dates to Remember

***May 5 – Prom**

***May 19 – Ribs and Blues Festival**

***May 20 – Canoe Race**

***June 23 – Barnraisers Softball Tournament**

Meeting Adjourned at 1:10

Respectfully submitted by Janet Larson