

**Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2009**

Present: Ray Berg, David Brown, Carl Curtis, Karl Racenis, Sharon Curtis, Barry Allen, John Manor, Ken Ascher, Daniel Lai, Jody Flowers, Kim Ricket, Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Kathy Roberts, Chris Kanta, Lori Fordham

Called to Order: 12:15

Welcome and Introductions

Program: "Chelsea Area Wellness Foundation"
Amy Heydlauff

This foundation will act as a catalyst and funder for community health improvement initiatives. Submission for funding proposals will be considered by 501(c)3 organizations in the fall. Communities that are part of the service area of Chelsea Community Hospital will be considered. Chelsea Area Wellness Foundation's focus is to help people to impact lives.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurers Report: Beginning balance: \$6,256.14. Ending balance: \$6,751.90. The report was approved.

Manufacturers: No report.

Membership: There are 67 members renewed to date. Of that number, 48 are regular, 19 premier members. In order to be included in the Manchester Community Guide, renewals must sign up for membership by March 31. Membership year stickers for chamber plaques will be available along with MACC window stickers.

Website: The site is updated once a month. If you have any information to submit, see Karl Racenis.

DDA: No report.

Old Business

Golf Outing Planning Update: The MACC/CRC partnered event will take place June 10 at Heart of the Hills in Brooklyn. Members are encouraged to volunteer at the planning meetings held at United Bank & Trust. Donations are needed for the various levels of partnership.

Business Expo Planning Update: The Expo will be held June 4 between 4 – 8 p.m. in conjunction with the Farmer's Market. There will be activities for kids and music on the Mill porch. Members are encouraged to reserve a spot.

New Business

President's Report:

- There are 2 active movie production possibilities for the Manchester area. One involving little league baseball in rural America, and another involving the San Francisco earthquake. Ray has submitted pictures that may be of relevance to the movie companies.
- The Community Observer will no longer be mailed to Manchester households effective in March. Chamber members will receive the publications by mail at no cost. There will be 300 delivered to the community sites for pick-up. Ray will contact people to see if they will be a pick-up point for the distribution. Or you can let him know if you would be a site.
- There is a tour group called Brass and Gas coming to Manchester Wednesday, May 6. The group of pre-1912 cars will comprise about 40 people in 25 – 30 cars over a 12 – 3 p.m. time span.
- The Washtenaw Chambers meeting will be taking place March 18 at Brecon Village in Saline. All are welcome to attend.
- The Ann Arbor News Annual Directory will highlight Manchester's 1860s downtown architecture with photos and a writeup.
- Ann Arbor Art Fair on July 13 will include the Townie Street Party. Over 7500 people attend and all chambers are encouraged to be there. It is a great opportunity to pass on our activities and promote local businesses.

Announcements:

Shawn Lewis-Lakin thanked the Chamber for its help with the recent school bond proposal that was passed by voters.

Early On Extravaganza – March 18 & 19 at Nellie Ackerson gym

Adjournment: 1:25

Respectfully submitted: Chris Kanta