

**Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce  
Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2008**

**Present:** Steve Harvey, Rebecca Harvey, Pat Vaillencourt, Kari Newman, Ray Berg, Karl Racenis, Janet Larson, Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Jody Flowers, Sue Colvia, Becky Brewis, Theresa Herron, Sen. Randy Richardville, Carl Curtis, Sharon Curtis, Daniel Lai, John Manor, Bill Chizmar, Michele Ingalls, Sue Gistingier, Jeff Wallace, Jesse O'Jack, Chris Kanta, Kathleen Lixey

Called to Order

**Welcome and Introductions**

Program: Manchester Community Schools – “0-5: The Foundation of Success”  
Presenters: Kathleen Lixey, Director of Special Ed - Becky Brewis, First Steps Program Director - Theresa Herron, Speech Pathologist - Sue Colvia, Early On  
An overview of the individual programs was made as well as information on how to hook up with services.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning balance: \$8,869.13 Ending: \$8,874.62. Report was approved as presented.

**Manufacturers:** No report.

**Membership:** Two new names have been added. Total membership is 104. Renewal requests will be sent out the end of the month.

**Website:** Information may be posted to the 2009 event calendar. Flyers or posters may be sent in to be included.

**DDA:** Work is continuing on street lighting and design.

**Old Business**

**Summary of Caramel Apple Tradition Event:** This Halloween event passed out over 1000 apples with the generosity of local businesses and the contributions of volunteer efforts from individuals and groups. Special thanks to JoAnn & Dr. Monty Okey, Fusilier Family Farm, Alber Orchard, and also Carl Curtis who devoted a significant amount of time. The bands added to the fun atmosphere. A suggestion was made to change the time to 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**Update on Christmas in the Village Planning and Christmas Decorations:** Christmas in the Village is under control and changes will be made to update the information on the chamber web page. The activities have grown and include two separate craft shows. Help is needed for 1 hour of traffic control. The parade route will change and an insert in the tri-fold will reflect that.

## **New Business**

### **President's Report:**

- At the meeting held at the Ann Arbor Area CVB for county Chambers of Commerce, there was discussion on the economic impact in the Ypsilanti area because of a movie production taking place there. The location was the right match for a movie story and has brought many benefits to the area. It was suggested that the Ann Arbor Area Convention & Visitors Bureau collect information in a data base of places of interests for shooting locations that could be considered in the future by movie companies. Ray agreed that the Chamber would be a focal point to get information to the AAACVB. He suggested any permitting for movie shooting in a Manchester location be expedited by local governing bodies when considering pertinent ordinances.
- There is a new director at Michigan International Speedway (MIS) who is reaching out to Manchester and surrounding areas. This is an opportunity to pass along things that could be promoted to race patrons that would benefit Manchester businesses and the community.

### **Announcements:**

- There will be no December meeting of the MACC
- Christmas in the Village, November 21 & 22

Respectfully submitted: Chris Kanta