

Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes
January 11th, 2010



Present: Ray Berg, Michele Ingalls, John Manor, Jana Miller, Siobhan Gorman, Hollie Bayer, Ron Mann, Lori Fordham, Janet Larson, Carl Curtis, Sharon Curtis, Ken Ascher, Beth Tomaszewski, Karl Racenis, Kari Newman, David Archer, Jeff Saren, Julia Gregg, Jeff Wallace, Jessie O'Jack, Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Jim Mann, Nate Munson, Cheryl Quinn, Kathy Roberts, Chris Kanta, Barry and Peggy Allen, Rose Cousino and Elizabeth Beaudoin.

Called to order 12:30

1.) Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made and supported

2.) Program: Hollie Bayer, American Cancer Society, "Planning for Relay for Life in Manchester"

Hollie is interested in bringing relay for life to Manchester. Relay for life is the most successful fundraising event in the Nation. Relay for Life brought in 385 million last year. This event has proven to bring communities together and help raise morale. This event brings in media coverage via free radio spots, news-paper coverage and internet advertisement. Each team is around 8 to 15 people in size. Please see handout for additional information. Lori Fordham also can provide copies as needed.

3.) Sergeant Archer introduced us to a new sergeant, Sergeant Jeff Saren

Sergeant Saren will be working in the Manchester area. He is also a member of the National Guard. Sergeant Saren will be serving our community for a least a year, he hopes for longer. He lives in Clinton and his father served as a member of the Manchester Police Department in the 70's. Sergeant Archer would like to come back in March for a presentation.

4.) Cheryl Quinn from the US Census.

- Cheryl is a recruiter for the U.S. Census and is looking to fill positions she has available in northern, southern, and western Washtenaw County. She is holding interviews in the basement of the Village Office and asking for help in filling these positions.

5.) Secretary's Report The Minutes were approved as corrected.

6.) Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

7.) Reports from Standing Committees

A.) Manufacturers-None

B.) Membership-Ray is getting annual reports and renewals in the mail. Sharon already has 2010 stickers for the plaques. Also new Plaques and Window Stickers are available upon request.

C.) Web Site- A request was made for all members and organizations to review the 2010 Community Events Calendar on the website. Karl Racenis requested information on other events and confirmation of tentative dates so that the page accurately presents Manchester Events.

D.) DDA- The DDA report presented the status of the Downtown Enhancement project. Specifically:

* Design blueprints and specifications were submitted to MDOT in December for final approval.

* The project is scheduled for 2011.

* MDOT funding issues show the project on it's cancellation list, but US Representative Schauer's office, State Representative Byrne's office, and State Senator Richardville's office indicate that they are working to fund this and the M-52 project in the Village. If this does not happen by June, the Village and the DDA will separate the Downtown Enhancement for MDOT's M-52 project to function it separately using Federal and local funding since the State's contribution is less that 5% of the project total.

8.) Old Business

A.) Christmas in the Village feedback- President Berg stated the event was a huge success and thanked Christine Yob, Janet Larson, Dawna Stockwell, Carl Curtis, and Karl Racenis for their work.

B.) 2010 Community Calendar Updates-

C.) Janet Larson with State Farm on the Lucy Ann Lance Show - This is a show designated to Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce and the Manchester Community. Visit Lucy Ann Lance, 1290 AM and www.48158.com for link to our business insider prior shows. Janet will be scheduling Chamber members to be featured in a show. Email Janet Larson if interested.

9.) New Business

A.) President's Report –

1. A Film Forum is planned for 1st quarter 2010 to bring together Michigan Film Office staff, movie studio personnel, chambers of commerce and local governments, to explore the good and bad experiences so far in local movie production and what we can improve on.

2. The AAACVB web site will host a Manchester "micro-site" to help promote Manchester events and businesses, as part of the Pure Michigan state ad campaign.

3. The MACC 2009 Annual Report will be issued soon.

4. The Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti chambers are merging, as part of the growing trend towards regional cooperation. Smaller chambers in the county will watch this process.

B.) Christmas lighting report and options for 2010/2011- Holiday Lighting is able to repair damaged lights and use existing strings for several years at a time. However, every 3 or 4 years, the strings must be completely replaced. It was hoped to coordinate this with the downtown enhancement project but because this has been delayed, other options may have to be investigated for the 2010 holiday season.

C.) Business Expo planning- Volunteers are needed to start planning this event. Please contact Ray if you are willing to help

D.) CRC/MACC Golf Outing planning- The combined golf outing will be held the second Wednesday in June. Volunteers are also needed to plan this event.

E.) Membership renewal packages- Coming out soon.

Adjournment- A motion was made to adjourn and was supported.