

**Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2009**

Present: Kathy Roberts, Carol Britten, Steven Harvey, Kari Newman, Ray Berg, Karl Racenis, Janet Larson, Peggy Allen, Barry Allen, Brett Huppenbauer, Ken Ascher, Jody Flowers, Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Sharon Curtis, Carl Curtis, Daniel Lai, Bill Chizmar, Lori Fordham, Chris Kanta

Welcome and Introductions

Program canceled – to be given in June

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

Treasurer's Report: The report was approved as presented.

Manufacturers: No report.

Membership: There are 96 members to date.

Website: Exploring links for Facebook pages. Normal additions posted.

DDA: The M-52 project through town has been moved back.

Old Business

Golf Outing Planning Update: Currently there are 11 teams signed up. Chicken and ribs will be served at the outing. Volunteers are needed to assist with serving hot dogs. Dave Helisek has done a great job selling 50/50 tickets at the Farmer's market and knocking on doors for partnership opportunities.

Business Expo Planning Update: The Expo has 18 businesses signed up with another 15 verbal commitments for attendance. There is space planned for 50 – 60 booths. There will be 4 different musical groups, moonwalk for kids, food from Kiwanis and other things planned for this event. Volunteers are still needed.

Manchester Michigan Facebook Page Update: Ray attended a conference that discussed social media. At the conference it was stressed that if you are not connected to Facebook, Twitter and other social mediums, you will lose the ability to connect with a lot of people. Ray has started a page to learn more about how the chamber could benefit. He will send out an email when it is up to get chamber members to sign on and be "fans" and to participate.

New Business

President's Report:

- There are currently 5 movie contacts in the area and Ray has heard about the possibility of another. Movie companies want results immediately concerning local ordinances that affect production. He has presented at

the Village Council regarding this issue and reports that some towns have passed ordinances to speed up the process in order to attract movie companies.

- Council of Chambers quarterly meeting is coming up.
- Database for local photos has been set up on Reel-Scout.
- AAACVB update. Ray will supply information for a Manchester specific page. He is also looking for videos of Manchester events. Chelsea, Manchester, Dexter will produce a brochure to pool resources.
- The MACC paper brochure is currently being updated. Dawn Steele of Steelegrafix is providing samples.

Announcements:

- Canoe Race, Kiwanis – Sunday, May 17
- Blues and Ribs Feast – Saturday, May 23
- Community Business Expo – Thursday, June 4
- Golf Outing Fundraiser – Wednesday, June 10

Respectfully submitted: Chris Kanta