

## **Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce**

### General Membership Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2013

12:00 noon, Dan's River Grill

Attendees: Diane and Bill Schwab, Sue Maher, Elizabeth Beaudoin, Dee Miles, Jeff Morris, Ray Berg, Barry Allen, Peggy Allen, Carol Britten, John Stately, Cynthia Barton-Spencer, Tom Burke, Ron Meagher, Belan Hayes, Jeff Wallace, Karl Racenis, Carl Curtis, Kathy Spiegel, Steve Hahne, Laura Seyfried, Sue Knasiak, Rick Taepke, Janet Larson.

Meeting called to order at 12:26 pm, introductions.

Agenda modified by moving New Business - Relay for Life to next month. Approved by Carl Curtis, support by Barry Allen.

#### **Program:**

Dee Miles presented information on the 3/50 Project. This is a free program encourages consumers to help save local economies by selecting 3 independently owned business a month and purchase a total of \$50 in goods or services from them. For every \$100 spent in independently owned stores, \$68 returns to the community. See the website for more details: [the250project.net](http://the250project.net).

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve the November Report by Jeff Morris, support by Dee Miles.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve the October - December Report by Bill Schwab, support by Dee Miles. Janet also read the results of the audit by the accountant.

#### **Reports from Standing Committees:**

**Manchester Village:** Jeff Wallace: In March and April construction touch-ups will be done on the M52-Main Street project.

**Membership:** Ray: 114 members. Packets for 2013 will be mailed soon. At the January Board meeting it was approved to increase both regular and premier dues by \$10. Our newest member is Tom Burke at T. Burke's Asphalt & Concrete Paving, Inc. Tom has moved into 505 Territorial. He does not need all the space so he is looking for other businesses that may want warehouse or office space.

**Website:** Moxie Grafix, Sue Maher, will be updating the website as approved at the January Board meeting.

**DDA:** Karl: This year will include looking at weigh signs and more economic development opportunities.

**Facebook/Radio Show-Janet Larson:** Radio Show- Janet is looking for business guests to have on the show.

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### Old Business:

**Christmas in the Village feedback:** Janet: There were many good comments about having the parade and the other activities all on one day.

**Christmas Home Tour results:** \$2,000 in donations came in.

**Manchester Midnight Madness feedback:** Steve: 16 businesses participated. \$1,000 went to Manchester First Steps. He is looking into possibly having food vendor trailers at next year's event.

**2013 Community Calendar confirmations:** The calendar of events was reviewed. Several changes were made.

### New Business:

**Welcome new Board member:** Steve Hahne was approved to fill the remaining trustee term of Michelle Ingalls.

**Chairmen needed:** for Duck Race, Golf Outing and Christmas in the Village.

**Crazy Cash:** Tickets are now available. Two volunteers are needed to help get \$1,000 for a Chamber laptop.

**Welcome Packets:** Packets given to new community members need more promotional items. See Rebecca Stucci to add yours.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 pm.