

## Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce

### General Membership Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2013

12:00 noon, Dan's River Grill

Attendees: Carol Britten, Dee Miles, Carl Curtis, Pat Vaillencourt, Sue Knasiak, Barry Allen, Peggy Allen with Yukiko, Jeff Morris, Laura Seyfried, Brian Hayes, Jim Hopkins, Kathy & Matt Donnellon, Paul & Tamara Douglas, Michelle Hehr, Dana & Sarah Andrews, Mary Bortmas, Danell Proctor, Dawna Stockwell, Ron King, Daniell Smith, Jeff Wallace, Ruth VanBogelen, Steve Hahne, Ron Milkey, Rick Taepke, Janet Larson.

Meeting called to order at 12:21 pm, introductions.

Agenda modified by adding F: Pedal Across Lower Michigan (PALM) to New Business. Motion by Barry Allen support by Dee Miles. Approved.

#### **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: [the350project.net](http://the350project.net).

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve the November Report by Daniell Smith, support by Dee Miles. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve the January Report by Barry Allen, support by Carl Curtis. Approved.

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

**Manchester Village:** Jeff Wallace: Planning Commission will discuss downtown parking at their regular meeting on April 9th at 7:30pm.

**Membership:** Janet: 114 members. The Chamber Annual Report and Packets for 2013 will be emailed soon. Hard copies of the Annual Report are also available. One new member: Sharon United Methodist Church.

**DDA:** Janet: There will be a joint ribbon cutting for the construction on the first Thursday of June. Pat reported that DDA is looking into getting way signs for the streets similar to other towns in the area.

**Website:** Janet: Sue Maher is working on modifications to the Chamber website. Forward any items, including pictures to either Sue or Janet.

**Next Event:** Steve Hahne: The Maple Syrup Festival will be March 9th with a pancake breakfast, tours and hands on activities.

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### Old Business:

**Farmers Market:** Janet: There were many good comments about having the parade and the other activities all on one day.

**Membership Renewals for 2013:** See Membership above in Standing Committee reports.

**Manchester Comprehensive Wellness Plan:** Ruth VanBogelen: February 26th is the next meeting. Highlights for this year include 1) the Red Barrel Program for disposing of unwanted prescription drugs. 2) a meeting at the high school on March 26th, 6:30pm to talk about the misuse of prescription drugs. 3) the Community Garden, 4) possibly a Restaurant Week. Ruth gave a history of how the Coalition came about.

### New Business:

**AACVB:** Janet: Showed the 2013 Ann Arbor Visitors Guide booklet and the pages about Manchester. Send promotional information to Janet and she will forward to AACVB. We can also post events on Pure Michigan.

**Crazy Cash Night:** Tickets are now available, \$100 for two adults and dinner. Promote selling tickets that the Chamber has to help get \$1,000 for a Chamber laptop.

**Business Expo:** Look for the booth applications being sent out soon.

**Golf Outing:** A chairman is still needed. See Janet if you are interested.

**Pedal Across Lower Michigan (PALM):** 800 bicyclists are expected. They will meet at the high school. A big band will be downtown for their entertainment.

### General Announcements:

Paul Douglas has Google ad word coupons available.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.