

Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce

General Membership Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2013

12:00 noon, Dan's River Grill

Attendees: Carol Britten, Dee Miles, Carl Curtis, Sue Knasiak, Barry Allen, Peggy Allen, Laura Seyfried, Ron King, Jeff Wallace, Steve Hahne, Ray Berg, Sue Maher, Karl Racenis, Cherie Vannatter, Kathy Spiegel, Marlene Radzyk, Kari Stanley, Gene DeRossett, Shelly Helm, Rick Taepke, Janet Larson.

Meeting called to order at 12:25 pm, introductions.

Agenda: Motion by Carl Curtis to approve as submitted, support by Peggy Allen. Approved.

Program:

Sargent Radzyk of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department will be leaving us. She expressed her appreciation for our support and said that the Manchester area will continue to be in good hands with Sargent Pennington.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the March Report by Jeff Wallace, support by Barry Allen. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: The April Report will be presented at the May meeting.

Reports from Standing Committees:

Manchester Village: Jeff Wallace: Planning Commission will discuss downtown parking tomorrow at 7:30pm.

Membership: Ray: Renewals for 2013 are coming in. Sue Knasiak will be sending out thank you's.

DDA: Karl: There will be a joint ribbon cutting for the construction on the first Thursday of June. The date has been set for June 6th at the Business Expo.

Website: Sue Maher: The updates are in their final stages and will be reviewed by the Chamber Board. It should be completed by the May General Meeting.

Facebook/Lucy Ann Lance Radio Show: Janet: Posts on our FB page have been steadily building. Janet will send out links to the live radio shows.

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Old Business:

Business Expo June 6th: Ray: Notices and applications have been distributed. Ray is going to Village Council meeting for necessary approvals. There will be lots of activities.

Golf Outing, June 15th: Ron King: Location is Clark Lake golf course. Five teams have signed up so far. \$60,000 has been raised in the last 10 years.

Farmers Market: Laura SeyFried: A Farmers Market logo contest is being run through April 15th.

New Business:

Canoe Race, May 19th: Janet: Volunteers are still needed to help out.

The Manchester Street Festival, August 3rd: There was a discussion about what the Chamber can do to support this event. One suggestion was to move the Duck Race to this event. One concern about that would be possible low water levels at that time of year.

Correspondence: 1) There is a County-wide Chamber mixer on April 10th in Whitmore Lake.
2) Michigan First Steps have auction tickets available for a fund raiser.

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:

- 1) Pedal Across Lower Michigan (PALM): Cherie: Date is June 26th. Bicyclists will arrive between 3:00 and 4:00 at the high school. They expect 820 riders and 50 volunteers. They are asking for information about places to eat in town.
- 2) Big 400: Steve: Maple Sugar event was huge. A cohesive message is needed for all communities. They can help support Manchester as a destination.
- 3) **Trolz Property:** Ray provided an update on the development.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.