

## **Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce**

### General Membership Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2013

12:00 noon, Dan's River Grill

Attendees: Carol Britten, Carl Curtis, Ray Berg, Rose Cousino, Jody Flowers, Jeff Morris, Rick Taepke, Janet Larson, Shelly Hehr.

Meeting called to order at 12:24 pm, introductions.

Agenda: Motion by Carl Curtis to approve, support by Ray Berg. Approved.

#### **Program:**

Ray Berg gave an update on the Manchester Wellness Coalition Activities and the 2013-2014 approved plan. He described the 10 projects for this coming year that are designed to fulfill the goals within the four main areas of Avoid Unhealthy Substances, Connect with Others in Healthy Ways, Eat Better and Move More. Avoid Unhealthy Substances will be focusing in the schools on youth cessation and prevention of using tobacco, alcohol and prescription drugs.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve the June Report by Carl Curtis, support by Ray Berg. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve the May Report by Carl Curtis, support by Ray Berg. Approved.

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

**Membership:** Ray: 125 members now. Those that have not renewed will be contacted soon.

**Website:** Janet: Our updated websites are live now. manchestermi.org and 48158.com. A survey will be coming to members for input into the business categories on the sites.

#### **Old Business:**

**Golf Outing, June 15th:** Janet: Good turnout. Net profits are up 2% from last year.

**Facebook/Radio Show/Website:** Janet: There has been good responses about our new websites. Janet is seeking good neighbor chamber member stories to post on Facebook. A recent example is Christine at Pyramid Office Supply was so helpful in properly packaging and ensuring on-time delivery of a large package.

**Farmers Market:** Janet: 25 vendors now. There is a vendor application online.

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### **New Business:**

Wellness Coalition Update: Ray gave an update on the Kirk Park upgrade project.

**Christmas in the Village:** Janet: Looking for a chairman for this year. A plan for its operation is available.

**Seeking Nominees for Chamber election in September:** Janet: Positions open are President, Secretary and 2 Trustees. Janet is willing to be nominated for one of the Trustee positions.

### **General Announcements:**

Ray Berg has been contacted by an author about including the Manchester barn quilts in her next book. She will be coming to Manchester this summer.

Jim Pruitt from Heritage Newspapers will be our guest speaker at the August 12th meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.