

## Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce

### General Membership Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2013

12:00 noon, Dan's River Grill

Attendees: Carl Curtis, Ray Berg, Rose Cousino, Rick Taepke, Janet Larson, Laura Seyfried, Daniell Smith, Jeff Wallace, Kathy Spiegel, Cindy Kenney, Sue Knasiak, Barry Allen, Peggy Allen, Sue Maher, Steve Hahne, Dee Miles, Jeff Henry.

Meeting called to order at 12:15 pm, introductions.

Agenda: Motion by Daniel Smith to approve, support by Sue Knasiak. Approved.

**Program:** James Pruitt from the Manchester Enterprise and Heritage Newspapers stated that the paper wants to support the community in whatever way it can. He requested that residents and businesses submit articles and photos for publication.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve the July Report by Barry Allen, support by Carl Curits. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve the June Report by Barry Allen, support by Peggy Allen. Approved.

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

**Village:** Jeff: Main St. Bridge will be narrowed in two weeks.

**Membership:** Ray: 125 memberships. Jeff Henry, co-owner of CEI Composites recently joined the Chamber and presented information about the business and himself.

**Facebook/Radio Show:** Janet: Always looking for businesses to be featured for 5 minutes on the Lucy Ann Lance Radio show..

### **Old Business:**

**Monthly Membership Meeting location:** Janet: We have discussed moving the meetings to the Village Room, downstairs from the library, to allow other caterers in the area to participate in providing lunches. Some of them were not able to work out the details on short notice. After some discussion, we decided to continue with the approved plan to move the meetings to the Village Room with the September meeting being a "bring your own lunch". We will revisit having food at future meetings.

**Manchester Chicken Broil Update:** Attendance was down, possible because of the hot weather. There was good community involvement.

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**Manchester Street Festival Update:** Dee: It was a good experience. Artists and car show participants were happy. A discussion included suggestions for next year of compressing the space covered, get more business support and work on more marketing ideas.

**Mill Lake Event - Big 400:** Steve and Ray: The project is to rebuild cabins at Mill Lake. Travel agents will be shown around our town. There will be a pancake breakfast at Jiffy Mix with McLennan's maple syrup.

### **New Business:**

**Nomination Committee:** Ray Berg, Carl Curtis and Jody Flowers are working to provide candidates for all the open positions at our September Elections meeting.

**Council of Chambers Meeting:** Janet: Manchester will be hosting the next one.

**MCS Staff Appreciation Breakfast:** Janet: Plans are underway for the event on Wednesday, August 28th.

**CRC Volunteer Recognition Dinner nominations:** Be thinking of community members to nominate for this.

**Christmas in the Village:** A coordinator is needed this year.

**Christmas Home Tour:** Get advance reservations from the tour bus company for the event on 12/7/2013.

### **General Announcements:**

Carl Curtis announced the showing of movies on Friday nights at the Sharon Methodist Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.