

Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce
General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2013
12:00 noon, Village Hall

Attendees: Carl Curtis, Ray Berg, Rick Taepke, Janet Larson, Laura Seyfried, Barry Allen, Peggy Allen, Gene DeRossett, Karin Asplund, Carol Britten, Mary Bortmas, Karl Racenis, Amanda Ensign, Sue Knasiak, Steve Hahne, Matt Donnellon, Jeff Morris, Sue Maher, Cherie Vannatter, Elizabeth Beaudoin.

Meeting called to order at 12:05 pm, introductions.

Agenda: Add Old Business E. Big 400. Motion by Sue Knasiak to approve the amended agenda, support by Laura Seyfried. Approved.

Secretary's Report: none

Treasurer's Report: none

Program: Carrie and Leah presented information on the Affordable Care Act.

Reports from Standing Committees:

Village: Jeff Wallace- The Village received a grant of about \$3 million for repairs to the bridge. The proposed riverfront plans will be presented at a public meeting soon.

Lucy Ann Lance Radio Show: Janet- She is looking for volunteers to fill spots in December.

Old Business:

Caramel Apple Event: Rose- 900 apples were given out. A good turnout. More caramel is needed next time.

Christmas in the Village update: Bridge garland is going up. Two more parade volunteers are needed for the parade on Saturday.

Share Use Trail: Ray- Engineering has started. Construction to start in 2014.

Christmas Eve Luminaria: Lion's Club is doing it this year. Same price as last year.

Big 400 event: Ray- There was a bus tour from the Mill Lake Camp. It came through Manchester first. There were tourism people on the buses. A tour book is being developed.

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New Business:

Calendar of Events for 2014: Several adjustments were made to the calendar based on input from the meeting attendees.

Manchester Midnight Madness: Steve- Participation has dwindled significantly from last year. Janet made a motion, seconded by Laura to not have this event be sponsored by the Chamber. Approved.

United Way of Washtenaw County “Fall Campaign”: \$30 thousand was donated to CRC. Contributions can be made all year long, not just in the fall. There is a 211 phone number for referrals to human service organizations. Transportation and counseling are needs in Manchester.

General Announcements: Laura- Thank you to all that attended or helped with the CRC banquet. Ray- A National Geographic film crew has been in the area recently.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 pm.