February 16, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 111 • Mantua, OH 44255

2010 - 2011 Officers
Christine Pitsinger, President
Missy Lyle, Vice President
Joan Sweet, Treasurer
Becky Tipton, Secretary

In Attendance:

Andrea Pettit - Robinson Memorial Hospital
Mike Maglionico - Crestwood Intermediate
Dean Olson - Portage County Soap Box Derby
Barb Corbett - Portage County Soap Box Derby
Greg Martin - Portage County Soap Box Derby
Ron Rees - Portage County Soap Box Derby
John Harper - Harper Well & Pump
Edie Benner - Advanced Rehab, DMRC
Shirley Schuster - Mantua Twp. Resident
Mark Brugmann - O K Brugmann
Bill Zoller Sr. - Barky Mart
Martin S. Hura - Village of Mantua
Diane Smith - Record Courier
Bob MacLearie - Mantua Masons/Am. Legion
Ron Lance - Diversified Mini Storage
Dorothy Caldwell - Shalersville Township
Jason Lerchbacher - Comfort Café
Carl Zeleznik - Sierra, Inc.
Dayton Hickerson - Grand Promotional Products
Keith Barton - Law Office of Keith J. Barton
Christine Pitsinger - Community Journal
Joan Sweet - Middlefield Bank
Rebecca Tipton - Ameriprise Financial
Julie Schmidt - Crestwood Middle School
Bo Johnson - Letter X Design
Diane Kruis - Mantaline Corp.
Jim Prout - Prout and Associates, Inc.
Ellie Stamm - Stamm Contracting Co.
Michelle Barnauskas - DMRC
Virginia Goodell - Goodell Family Farm
Cindy Janson - Mantua Hardware
Graham Harmon - Perfect Choice Auto Collision
Barky Zoller - Barky Mart
Dennis J. Bujak - Shalersville Township
Giles Seith - Village of Mantua
Brent Simon - GoRilla Productions
Tom Kennedy - Marshall's Carpet Cleaning
Sandy Pelphrey - Villager
Nancy Vines - Shalersville Township
Paulette Nichols - Shalersville Resident
Jodie Fiala - Jake's
Marie Shehli - CPA, Mantua Village
Larry Cutlip - Village Tavern
Bill Graham - Camp Asbury
Melissa Lyle - Village Tavern
Karen Harper - Harper Well & Pump

Meeting was called to order at 7:37 a.m. Introductions were made.
Mantua Township: No report.
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Shalersville Township: The township ordered a new 1-ton dump truck and several other pieces of equipment. They have been using a $50,000 grant received from First Energy.
Crestwood Schools: The first ever 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. is coming up. The community walking program hosted by the school and is being held on Wednesdays and Fridays (when school is open). An elementary school community breakfast is scheduled for February 22 at 7:30 a.m.
Announcements:

DMRC: They are researching grants that may now be available. They have 501(c)(3) status.

Truck Traffic Restriction: Carl Zeleznik talked about a petition that has been signed to restrict truck traffic on residential roads in Mantua Village. It has been suggested that trucks have been causing a noise issue, as well as damage to these roads. Carl said if trucks are not permitted to travel freely through the village, this will have a large negative impact on many of the local businesses that the operators use for fuel, food, parts, etc. Edie Benner motioned for the Chamber to schedule a meeting with the mayor to discuss this issue. Keith Barton seconded the motion.

Goodell Pancake Breakfasts: Virginia Goodell mentioned the Goodell Family Farm Pancake Breakfasts will be March 6, 13, and 20, from 8:30AM-2PM. The cost is $7.50 for adults, $4 for children 4-11 and those 3 and under dine for free.

Ohio State Girls Wrestling Tournament: Dean Olson announced that Crestwood will host the Ohio State Girls Wrestling Tournament again this year. It will be held on Marcfh 12th at 10AM in the Crestwood Middle School Gymnasium.

NOACC: Jim Prout talked about a special health insurance plan that is being made available through NOACC to people who have been without health coverage for six months or longer. Enrollees will be able to utilize services from physicians in the Summa Health System, will not have to pay a deductible, and will benefit from premiums that are a fraction of the cost of other health insurance policies.

Featured Business: Brent Simon from GoRilla Productions provides affordable web design services to local businesses. He is available to business owners to discuss website ideas. Brent showed the group various websites he has designed for local companies and organizations.

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New Business:

Scholarship Committee: Committee members were announced and are as follows: Bob MacLearie, Jim Oster, Marie Stehli, Paulette Nichols, and Joann Vance. The Chamber presents two Crestwood seniors with a $1,000 scholarship each year. Applications are currently at the school, available on the website, at eah meeting or through a committee member. Applications are due by April 15, 2011. One application has already been received.

Golf Outing: The committee has been formed and includes Jason Lerchbacher, Joann Vance, and Graham Harmon. Hole sponsors are a very important part of a successful event. Please consider sponsoring a hole, interested parties should speak with a committee member. The location for the 2011 outing will be determined soon.

Old Business:

2011 Member Decals: Members who have not received their 2011 can get one at any meeting or by contacting Joan Sweet.

Approval of Minutes: Bob MacLearie motioned to approve, Keith Barton seconded.

Treasurer's Report: As of 1/31/10, there was a balance of $10,737.15 in the checking account; $5,235.96 in the scholarship fund; and $272.26 in the Giving Trees account.

Membership: There are currently 79 members. The Chamber welcomed new members - Mantua Soccer Association and Geo's Excavating,

Guest Speaker: The February Guest Speaker was the Portage County Soap Box Derby. This is a family-oriented, fun event that has been held every year since 1934. The Portage County Soap Box Derby is held each year in Mantua. The race will be on June 18th. At this time, there are more available cars than participants. Anyone who wishes to donate to the program or knows of someone who would like to race should speak with Dean Olson.

Door Prize: Bill Graham of Camp Asbury was the winner of the February door prize, a $50 savings bond, donated by Middlefield Bank.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17AM.