



June 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes

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

2011 - 2012 Officers
Christine Pitsinger, President
Missy Lyle, Vice President
Joan Sweet, Treasurer
Becky Tipton, Secretary

In attendance:

Christine Pitsinger, Community Journal
Dennis Bujak, Shalersville Township
Ron Lance, Diversified Enterprises
Sandy Pelphrey, Weekly Villager
Bob MacLearie, Mantua Masonic Legion
Rick Frato, Edward Jones
Chris Hendershot, Italian Garden
Joann Vance, Middlefield Bank
Missy Lyle, Village Tavern
Keith Barton, Law Office of Keith J. Barton
Ellie Stamm, Stamm Contracting
Bo Johnson, Letter X Design
Becky Newell, Benner Masonry Contractors
Conner Pearce, Scholarship Recipient
Mrs. Ristau
Becky Tipton, Ameriprise Financial

Dorothy Caldwell, Shalersville Township
Frank Ruehr, Shalersville Township
Tom Kennedy, Marshall's Carpet Cleaning
Donna Hawkins, Mantua Village Mayor
Brad Raum, Robinson Memorial Hospital
Linda Schilling, Potato Festival, Mantua Village Council
Lyle Tayerle, Aflac
Edie Benner, Advanced Rehab
Linda Clark, Mantua Village Council
Joan Sweet, Middlefield Bank
Joe Perriello, Huntington Bank
Joe Iacano, Crestwood Schools
Virginia Goodell, Goodell Farms
Heather Ristau, Scholarship Recipient
Nick Ciofani, State Treasurer Josh Mandel's Office

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m. Introductions were made.

VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP UPDATES

Mantua Township: An open house for the annex is to be held, bidding to pave is underway.

Mantua Village: Brush pick-up will be held the second Monday of each month. A new part-time employee is needed at the service garage; contact Anthony Fiorilli if interested. The state recently finished the 2009-2010 audit. Bulk water sales have begun. The Portage County Soap Box Derby will be held on Saturday, June 18.

Shalersville Township: The \$50,000 grant received from First Energy has been used to install new doors, windows, and heating controls in the school building. The township has applied for a grant for roadwork. Paving will be done at the Spring Hill Development, at the corner of Peck Road and Route 303. A new truck will be delivered soon.

Crestwood Schools: The last day of school was June 9.

SPECIAL GUESTS: 2011 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Heather Ristau and Conner Pearce: Dorothy Caldwell introduced the 2011 scholarship recipients, who were chosen based on academic performance as well as volunteer work. Heather Ristau plans to attend Hiram College and to study to become a Nurse Anesthetist. Connor Pearce plans to attend the University of Cincinnati and to major in Aerospace Engineering.

FEATURED BUSINESS

Advanced Rehabilitation & Health Specialists: Edie Benner spoke about the business. They provide physical therapy for patients with post-op and injury issues. In addition, Advanced Rehab offers 12 different fitness classes, from senior fitness to yoga, sports physicals and assessments, and lifestyle coaching with Juli Robine. Their Peddle, Paddle and Run event will be held on July 9.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Location Change: The Chamber is planning to hold its meetings at the Shalersville Town Hall through the end of the year. Thanks to Dorothy Caldwell for arranging this. Suggestions for where to hold meetings on a permanent basis are welcome.

Membership Committee: Becky Newell announced that she and her husband will be moving to Florida permanently, so she will no longer be able to serve on the Membership Committee. Thanks to Becky for her service to the Chamber!

Adam Hamilton Memorial Project: Discussed were several ideas for honoring Adam Hamilton, who was killed recently while serving in Afghanistan. Members suggested purchasing a brick for the memorial area in Ravenna or putting up a memorial at the Mantua Historical Society, or at the Legion Hall. This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Summer Luncheon: This will be held in July. Watch e-mail for details.

Portage County Chamber Directories: Additional copies are available at the Middlefield Bank.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Donation to Mantua Potato Festival: Edie Benner motioned to donate \$600, for the sound system, and Keith Barton seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Donation to Art on the Hill: Lyle Tayerle motioned to donate \$600, for tee shirts and advertising, and Virginia Goodell seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Garage Sales: These will be held on July 22 and 23, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Golf outing: Joann Vance said the outing was a great success. There were 33 hold sponsors and 14 teams. The event raised \$6,858. After expenses, and paying \$2,000 for this year's scholarships, there is approximately \$1,012 left over in the scholarship fund.

Fireworks Display: The school board will require an additional insurance policy to be in place, providing coverage beyond what the fireworks company's policy will provide. There are questions about which organization will apply for the policy, and what liability will be covered. Joann Vance motioned for the Chamber not to make a donation to the event, until these concerns can be addressed. Rick Frato seconded the motion, and it was passed.

MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, MEMBERSHIP

Approval of minutes:

Treasurer's report: There is currently \$12,570.27 in the checking account and \$3,241.77 in the scholarship fund.

Membership: There are currently 84 members.

DOOR PRIZE

Congratulations! to Linda Schilling, who won a free fitness physical, donated by Advanced Rehabilitation and Health Specialists.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.