



November 16, 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
Dorothy Caldwell, Shalersville Township
Roberta Zuver, Cortland Banks
Linda Clark, Mantua Village Council
Terri Wilde, Crestwood 4C's
Tom Kennedy, Marshall's Carpet Cleaning
Keith Barton, Law Office of Keith J. Barton
Jim Oster, Oster & Associates
Jozsef Jakab, Crestwood Middle School
Joe Perriello, Huntington Bank
Julie Schmidt, Crestwood Middle School
Marie Stehli, CPA
Eddie Benner, DMRC, Advanced Rehab
Jodie Fiala, Jake's
Ellie Stamm, Stamm Contracting
Denny Hickerson, Grand Promotional Products
Melissa Lyle, Village Tavern

Frank Ruehr, Shalersville Township
Beth Trivelli, Crestwood Local Schools
Dayton Hickerson, Grand Promotional Products
Joan Sweet, Middlefield Bank
Ron Lance, Diversified Enterprises
Chris Hendershot, Italian Garden
Bob MacLearie, Mantua Masonic Legion
Hank Cabot, Western Reserve Kiwanis
Carl Zeleznik, Sierra Inc.
Helen Hazlett, Rotary, Howard Hanna Realty
Shirley Schuster, Mantua Township Resident
Jim Prout, Prout & Associates
Nancy Vines, Shalersville Township
Virginia Goodell, Goodell Family Farm
Linda Schilling, Potato Festival, Mantua Village Council
Becky Tipton, Ameriprise Financial

Meeting was called to order at 7:39 a.m. Introductions were made.

VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP UPDATES

Mantua Township: Sewer hook-ups are complete, the township is working on obtaining a grant for road work on Pioneer Trail and Loris.

Mantua Village: Linda Clark said that there is nothing to report at this time.

Shalersville Township: Work on the bridge on Coit Road has been completed, and the road is now open. A 2-bay addition to the township garage has been completed. The kitchen floor at the school building has recently been replaced.

Crestwood Schools: Beth Trivelli talked about a Veteran's Day assembly that was held at the Primary School, in conjunction with the American Legion. There is a focus on literacy at the school, and volunteer readers are always welcomed. Teacher Natalie Harr will be going to Antarctica for six weeks with the National Science Foundation, to conduct research. Julie Schmidt reported that there have been several visiting authors at the middle school. In March the 8th grade class will visit Washington, D.C.

FEATURED BUSINESS:

Grand Promotional Products: Denny Hickerson talked about how their business is branching out to help charitable organizations. There is a program called Charityfront.com that allows charities to share in the profits from promotional items that are ordered. See Denny or Dayton Hickerson for more details.

NEW BUSINESS

Toy Drive: Marie Stehli reported that she will soon know the total number and ages of children that will be helped by the program. After that, Giving Trees will be placed at local businesses.

4C's: Terri Wilde said that there will be 141 baskets distributed to local families.

Santa's Visit: This will be held on December 2, 2011 at the Mini Park.

Holiday Social: This will be held on the second Monday of December; watch for details via e-mail.

Jake's: Jodie Fiala reported that they will be celebrating their 2nd anniversary by holding a special event on Friday, November 25. There will be free appetizers and gifts.

Mantua Village Flags: Linda Clark said that the funds that have been used in the past to purchase flags have been depleted. She asked if the Chamber would donate to help purchase flags. Edie Benner motioned to donate \$250, and Linda Schilling seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Discount Prescription Cards: Nancy Vines talked about a free program that is being offered by the National Association of Counties. Anyone can take advantage of the program. The program offers an average of 24% savings off the retail price of prescription medications.

OLD BUSINESS

Canned Good Donations: Effective immediately, in addition to receiving one door prize entry for our monthly drawing, just for attending our Chamber meetings, you will also receive a door prize entry for each canned good or non-perishable food item brought in for the 4C's.

Rotary: Helen Hazlett reported that they just finished their Tour of Homes and craft show. Rotary is currently sponsoring a student from Spain, and they recently gave dictionaries to all third graders in the school district. They are always looking for new members who are interested in community service.

DMRC: Edie Benner reported that they have been working on obtaining new grants. DMRC is also working with the Portage Economic Development Board to explore new opportunities to help the area's businesses and resources to grow. For example, the organization provides a way for people in other geographic locations to learn about facilities and properties that are available for rent or sale in the Mantua area.

Meeting Location: Dorothy Caldwell reported that the Shalersville Town Hall will be available for Chamber meetings in 2012. At this time, the plan is to continue to hold Chamber meetings in this location.

MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, MEMBERSHIP

Approval of Minutes: Bob MacLearie motioned to approve the October 2011 minutes, Keith Barton seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: As of October 31, 2011, there was \$10,698.62 in the checking account, \$6,313.82 in the scholarship savings account, and \$277.71 in the toy drive account.

Membership: The membership drive is still underway.

DOOR PRIZE

Congratulations to Hank Cabot, who won an extra-large 1-topping pizza donated by Italian Garden!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 a.m.