



September 19, 2012 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:

Sandy Pelphrey, Weekly Villager	Ron Lance, Diversified Mini Storage	Maria Schmidt, UH Geauga Medical Center
Joann Vance, Middlefield Bank	Kathy Vanek, Middlefield Bank	John Festa, Mantua Township
Jim Prout, Prout & Associates	Stacy Turner, Weekly Villager	Marie Stehli, Mantua Township
Lonn Safko, Crestwood 4C's	Helen Hazlett, Rotary, Howard Hanna Realty	Dayton Hickerson, Grand Promotional Products
Debbie Stephens, CASBC	Dennis Bujak, Shalersville Township	Frank Ruehr, Shalersville Township
Nancy Vines, Shalersville Township	Linda Clark, Mantua Village	Dorothy Caldwell, Shalersville Township
Tom Kennedy, Marshall's Carpet Cleaning	Becky Tipton, Ameriprise Financial	Christine Pitsinger, Community Journal
Edie Benner, Advanced Rehab	Virginia Goodell, Goodell Family Farm	

Meeting was called to order at 7:37 a.m. Introductions were made.

VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP UPDATES

Mantua Township: John Festa reported that the paving project on Pioneer Trail is almost complete. They are also looking to fix up and paint the town hall.

Mantua Village: Mayor Linda Clark said the village has applied for a few different grants, and paving projects are underway. Work on High Street is coming up, and the village has been working with DMRC to do improvements on the south side of town.

Shalersville Township: Dennis Bujak reported that several repaving projects are being done, and work is being done at the school. There will be a community event at the Historical Society this weekend.

Crestwood Schools: No report.

DMRC: Edie Benner said that they have been getting help from Crestwood students who are working on their community service projects. DMRC meets every three weeks; all are welcome to attend meetings.

GUEST SPEAKER

Debbie Stephens, CASB: Debbie talked about how the Crestwood All Sports Booster Club works for the enrichment of sports programs at the Middle and High Schools. They help provide uniforms, awards, and equipment, and the organization is funded through concessions, a membership drive, and raffles held in the fall and spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Business Showcase: Christine Pitsinger said that this event has been postponed until April 2013.

Treasurer Position: After moving to a position at Middlefield Bank in Middlefield, Joan Sweet has stepped down from her role as Chamber Treasurer. This leaves an opening for the Treasurer position. Dorothy Caldwell volunteered to serve as Treasurer through the end of the year. Thank you Dorothy, and thank you Joan for your service!

2013 Membership Drive: This will be held in October. Dues will be discounted by 10% for all who pay by October 31.

Nomination of 2013-2014 Officers: Nominations will be held at our October meeting.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Alliance Church Food Drive: Jim Prout announced this event will be held on the second Saturday of each month. The church is located in Auburn, and all Ohio residents are welcome to participate.

Member Decals: Edie Benner suggested these be modified to show up better in members' windows.

Portage County Farm Bureau Drive-It-Yourself Tour: Virginia Goodell said this event will be held on Saturday, September 22.

Rotary: Helen Hazlett said Rotary meets every Tuesday at Hilltop Church. All are welcome. They have begun selling business ads for placemats at Jake's. Ads cost \$1 per day; 1,500 placemats are printed each month. This could be a cost-effective way to promote your business!

OLD BUSINESS

Golf Outing: Joann Vance said this year's event was the most successful one ever. Thanks to the golfers, prize donors, hole sponsors and committee members for all their hard work!

MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, MEMBERSHIP

Minutes: Linda Clark motioned to approve the June minutes; Dennis Bujak seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: As of August 31, 2012, there was \$8,745.84 in the checking account; \$8,019.14 in the scholarship savings account; and \$703.32 in the toy drive account.

Membership: There are currently 89 members. Welcome to new members Intrapromote and Meridian Medical Services.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 a.m.