

# May 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes

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

**2013 - 2014 Officers**  
Christine Pitsinger, President  
Becky Tipton, Vice President  
Paulette Nichols, Treasurer

## In Attendance:

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|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Dennis Bujak, Shalersville Township          | Nancy Vines, Shalersville Township         | Wayne Omaitis, W.J. Glass               |
| John Festa, Mantua Township                  | Becky Tipton, Ameriprise Financial         | Christine Pitsinger, Community Journal  |
| Maria Schmidt, UH Geauga Medical Center      | Jodie Fiala, Jake's                        | Dorothy Caldwell, Shalersville Resident |
| Dayton Hickerson, Grand Promotional Products | Shirley Schuster, Mantua Twp. Resident     | Marie Stehli, CPA, Mantua Township      |
| Jim Oster, Oster & Associates                | Karen Bosley, Cortland Banks               | Ronda Klar, Ohio Real Title             |
| Paulette Nichols, Portage Community Bank     | Mark Russell, Ellerhorst-Russell Insurance | Steve Keliber, United Way               |
| Michelle Barnauskas, DMRC                    | Luke Darrah, Darrah's Car Care Center      |                                         |

Meeting was called to order at 7:38 a.m. Introductions were made.

## VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP UPDATES

**Mantua Township:** John Festa announced that the cleanup went well and that the document shredding will be on May 18, from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

**Mantua Village:** No report.

**Shalersville Township:** Dennis Bujak announced that the spring cleanup went well. They received 20 - 40 yard dumpsters of trash, 3 of scrap metal and lots of tires. They also awarded a bid for the paving of Coit Road, the bid is well under the county estimate.

**Crestwood Schools:** No report.

**DMRC:** Michelle Barnauskas asked Chamber to sponsor the Art on the Hill raffle for \$750. Marie Stehli made a motion to donate \$500 and be a supporting sponsor of the event, Dennis Bujak seconded the motion. Motion passed. She also talked about the "Friends of DMRC" program; for \$25, Friends will receive a tee shirt and a quarterly newsletter.

**Mantua-Shalersville Fire Board:** Dennis Bujak announced that they purchased a tanker truck which will replace the current 25 year old unit.

## NEW BUSINESS AND MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Scholarships:** Dorothy Caldwell announced that the 3 scholarships applicants have been chosen. There were 15 applicants all of which were girls.

**Golf Outing:** Christine Pitsinger announced that the committee is still seeking hole sponsors for \$100 and door prize donations.

**Garage Sales:** Christine Pitsinger announced that the garage sales will take place on July 19&20. Registrations will be available soon and are \$10 for non-members. There is no charge for members to have a sale at their home or business.

**Potato Festival Request:** Christine Pitsinger announced on behalf of Linda Shilling a request of \$750 from Chamber to cover the costs to have Big Chuck and Little John at the Potato Festival this year. After member discussion it was decided to look closer at the budget as to if this is feasible.

**Donation Request Application:** Mark Russell suggested a form or application process for those seeking donations from the Chamber. After discussion, it was decided that Mark would draft an application which would be reviewed by the Chamber.

**New Member:** Christine Pitsinger welcomed new Chamber member, McDonald's.

**Thank You:** Paulette Nichols read "thank You" letters received from the Crestwood Ponytail League, Relay For Life and the Greater Trail Council (Boy Scouts).

**Community Flowers:** Christine Pitsinger announced that chamber will again reimburse both townships and the village up to \$200 each for flowers/hanging baskets.

## MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, MEMBERSHIP

**Minutes:** Dennis Bujak motioned to approve the April 2013 meeting minutes; Maria Schmidt seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Paulette Nichols reported that there is \$10,564.39 in the checking account; \$1,144.00 in the toy drive account; and \$8,027.99 in the scholarship account.

## DOOR PRIZE

**Congratulations** to Jim Oster, who won a \$10 Gift Card to McDonald's

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 a.m.