

# February 19, 2014 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

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 a.m. Introductions were made.

## In Attendance:

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| Edie Benner, Advanced Rehab, DMRC       | Mark Russell, Ellerhorst Russell Insurance   | Mike Maglionico, Crestwood Middle School     |
| Christine Pitsinger, Community Journal  | Paulette Nichols, Portage Community Bank     | Becky Tipton, Ameriprise Financial           |
| Jim Oster, Oster Rentals, DMRC          | Chris Craycroft, Portage Park District       | Dayton Hickerson, Grand Promotional Products |
| Tom Kennedy, Marshall's Carpet Cleaning | Carole Pollard, Mantua Township Resident     | Ron Lance, Diversified Enterprises           |
| Brad Raum, Robinson Memorial            | Helen Hazlett, Howard Hanna, Mantua Rotary   | Christopher Perme, Perme Financial Group     |
| Jackie Rinearson, Curtains Up Theatre   | Nancy Vines, Shalersville Resident           | Kathy Vanek, Middlefield Bank                |
| Terri Wilde, 4C's Food Cupboard         | John Festa, Mantua Twp. Trustee              | Jim Prout, Prout & Associates                |
| Jodie Fiala, Jake's                     | Jane Rose, Portage Park District             | Sally Kandel, Portage Park District          |
| Shirley Schuster, Mantua Twp. Resident  | Dorothy Caldwell, Shalersville Twp. Resident |  |

## VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP UPDATES

**Mantua Township:** They have been busy keeping the roads cleaned

**Mantua Village:** No report.

**Shalersville Township:** The township received an Ohio Public Works grant. Rooms/office space is for rent at the school building for \$300/mo. They have used 200 more tons of salt this year, but have a good supply.

**Crestwood Schools:** They have used 8 snow days, which is 3 over the allowance. The school has formed a District Leadership Team with a goal of implementing more student growth. CMS & CHS wrestling teams are PTC champions. CHS Varsity cheerleaders have qualified for the state competition.

**DMRC:** The DMRC will host a Reverse Raffle on March 22, tickets at \$100 per couple. They gave the village the \$25,000 in matching funds for the grant that fund the sidewalk project south of the river.

## FEATURED BUSINESS

**Ellerhorst Russell Insurance:** The company formed in 1915, Russell has been at Ellerhorst Russell for over 25 years. The company provides various insurance policies including: home, auto, life, farm, commercial, industrial and municipal. Call Mark at 330-527-4321 with any questions.

## NEW BUSINESS AND MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Membership:** Most members' dues are in for 2014. If you have not received your 2014 cling, see Christine.

**2014 Budget:** The officers met and finalized the 2014 budget.

**Scholarships:** Dorothy Caldwell and Paulette Nichols will be on the Scholarship Committee. Applications are available online and will be taken to the school soon.

**Annual Garage Sales:** The Community-Wide Garage Sales will be held on July 18 & 19.

**4C's Food Cupboard:** Terri Wilde thanked chamber for their generosity in providing a gift or gift card for all children (161 total) in the program. They are continuing to see an increase of families in need. They served 117 families in January.

**Rotary Club of Mantua:** Helen Hazlett announced that Rotary will host a Chili Cook-Off on February 27 at the CHS. Rotary also does the placemats at Jake's as a fundraiser to fund their numerous community service projects. Ads on the placemat are \$30 per month, 2,000 printed and seen are each month.

## DONATION REQUESTS

**Boy Scouts:** a request for \$100 was requested. Motion was made and approved. First by John Festa, Second by Jim Prout

**Friends of Melana:** a request for \$250 Race Sponsorship was requested and approved. First Edie Benner, Second by Jackie Rinearson.

**DMRC:** a request for \$1,000 Art on the Hill & Wine Tasting sponsorship was requested. A motion was made to approve a \$500 sponsorship per the new policy of a maximum approval of \$500 per organization. A motion was made, first by Shirley Schuster, second by Helen Hazlett.

## GUEST SPEAKER

**Chris Craycroft, Portage Park District:** The Park District will place a 1/2 mil, 10 yr. operating and improvement levy on the May ballot. The cost will be \$17.70 on a \$100,000 home (just \$1.50 a mo.). The Park District has 1,300 acres of conserved park land, 14 miles of hike and bike trails, all are open year round with charges. Learn more at portageparkdistrict.org or call Chris at 330-297-7728

## MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, MEMBERSHIP

**Treasurer's Report:** Paulette Nichols reported that there is \$11,565 in the checking account; \$324 in the toy drive account; and \$10,508 in the scholarship account.

## DOOR PRIZE

**Ohio Maple Syrup:** Jim Oster won the door prize which was donated by Tom Kennedy of Marshall's Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.