

**Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2008**

Present: Janet Larson, Bill Chizmar, John Manor, Carol Britton, Gary Paul, Ken Ascher, Dianne Schwab, Karl Racenis, Daniel Lai, Pat Fielder, Pat Vaillencourt, Tom Ash, Carl Curtis, Sharon Curtis, Dana Andrews, Shawn Lewis-Lakin.

Call to Order 12:15

Welcome and Introductions Vice President Janet asked each person to give their name and something they liked about Manchester.

Program: Lisa Klinkman, Healthy Communities Program Update

The walking program is available in Chelsea, Dexter and Manchester. The program is very beneficial to people in these communities. Funding is a challenge for promotion of the program. A link on the Chamber web site includes more information about the program. The purpose of the Healthy Communities Program is to help promote general health. Lisa left information including a booklet to use as a Personal Walking Journal and Log, and also Walking Maps which identify 5 routes available in Manchester.

No Secretary's Report

Treasurer's report –Approved

Membership: Sharon reported there are about 100 dues paid members. Sharon asked that all unpaid members contact her very soon to be listed in the CRG Listing.

Web Site-Information on the Website is not always current because most current data is not provided to Karl for the updates.

DDA: Several people visited the display during the Business Expo.

Pat Vaillencourt reported that the funding for Main Street is in jeopardy if decisions concerning the Funeral Home future are not made so that the project can move forward.

Old Business:

Golf Outing – 17 Teams are signed up. Janet reported that many prizes have been donated and more teams are welcome.

Community Business Expo: Expo is/was a GREAT example for what Manchester has to offer. Some suggestions for improvement for 2008 were: Garbage cans, Beverages available, Access to Mill business, Senior bus blocked walking, improve space assignment process and provide map.

Farmer's Market Includes more vendors each week.

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New Business:

President Ray's report included information concerning the Chamber Office move back into the Mill. Chamber members need to stop by and stock/restock their cards and literature. Flower planting along Main Street is complete and watering volunteers are identified.

CRG Directory information-Church/organization lists have been updated. The text section is rewritten to describe the Chamber's Mission and Function.

Local Foods Program-Bill Chizmar distributed information concerning food products that are grown and sold in Michigan. If everybody spent \$10 more to support business locally the Michigan economy would improve.

October Fest date of September 20th.

Manchester Community Schools: Superintendent Lewis-Lakin reported the Support Staff Contract moves privatization off the table.

Dianne Schwab