



Main Street Amherst

General Membership Meeting

May 3, 2018

In attendance: Denise McCarty, Shirley Dobias, Bobby Vaughn, Joni Poli, Mike Ciu, Micah Judy, Missy Timko, Chip Ingersol & Cora, Pat Farnsworth, Barb Tressel-Bangas, Melissa Porter, Ginni Murphy, Rachel Ray, Victoria Bahrer, Sumer Smith, Christina Manlenkamp, Racheal Conrady, Katherine Gambish, Melissa VanderWyden, Craig Kinsley, Craig Snodgrass, Dianna Frederickson, Jenn Smith, Matthew Metzger, Jeanette Flynn, Wendy Burgos, Herb Del A Port, Carmen Close, Teresa Gilles, Millie Bungels, Angel Wright, Bonnie Pohorence, Sarah Herold, Dianna Fredricksen, Missy Beran, LouAnn Wiegand, Jackie Sigman, John Dunn, Kevin DeLong, Charlene Kalo, Julie Bogoveski, Bruce Bevans, Josh Smith, Jeff Lowman, Jerry Perch, Alan Anderso, Tim Uras, MaryKay Kirsch, Dan Samms, Jonathan Hauck, Erick Marcucci, Brandin Dimacchia, Jim Wilhelm, Catherine O'Neil, Mark Cawthon, Steve Sayer, Pogie, Ken Fussell, Tim Kiedrowski, Terri Kiedrowski, Timmy Kiedrowski, Yarelin Beyan, Jennifer Torres, Paige Loychik, Sarah Bristow.

Meeting called to order by Denise McCarty at 9:02am.

Motion to approve April minutes – Chip 1st, Joni 2nd. All in favor.

President – Denise McCarty

- Thanked Commstar for providing treats this morning.
- Members introduced themselves.

Vice President – Tom Anderson

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Business Enhancement - Mike Ciu

- Business Enhancement – Wed, May 30th, 11am at Arabica. Looking for sponsors for walking path.
- Texting – text “Amherst” to 797979 for meeting notifications. Less email!

Oranization Chair – Erin Link

- Smart Start – Thursday, July 12th from 8-10am. Subject is YouTube! Teresa asked for more donations to pass during the summer.

Promotional Chair – Joni Poli

- Pride Day – Sat. May 19th. 9am-12noon, invited members to bring groups to help. Contact MSA.
- Wine & Choc – sold out! Passed applications for business to join us. Need sample for participants bag; coupon, key chain, etc. Victoria, Northshore Health, invited members to use their restrooms too.
- W.O.W. – Tuesday, May 8th, 5:30 in MSA building.
- Explorer's Club – Denise explained metro park walking trail. Looking to incorporate their backpack program as well as Amherst Public Library. Planning story-book stations, looking for sponsors. Next mtg, Wed., May 30th at 11am in Arabica. Asked for volunteers. Will be held July 23-August 18th, in conjunction with APL scavenger hunt.
- D.O.M.S. – August 4th. Looking for volunteers, form was passed.
- Prize-A-Day – Mike & Terry working on! Next mtg, Wed. June 13th at 5:30 in MSA. Need volunteers.

Special Projects Chair – Bobby Vaughn

- W.O.W. – rain date will be scheduled. Farmer's market at Town Hall. Car Show at Amherst Hospital. 4pm market, car show until dusk. Invited downtown businesses to remain open or close, up to them. Grobes is going to be a part of the market. App forms on MSA website.
- Asked members to check their info on MSA site. Info will be shared on MSA Facebook page. Send info to Carmen at MSA. Passing calendar to schedule for June-Sept.

Design Chair – Pat Farnsworth

- Car show with W.O.W. Asked for sponsors, 100 bags. Contact Pat for details.

Executive Director's Report - Teresa Gilles

- John Dunn – volunteers to help water hanging plants downtown.
- Back Pack – asked for more donations. Approx. 30-40 backpacks distributed per week. Summer months as well. ASHS Leo Club & Good Sheppard Baptist Church started, MSA joined in.
- Denise – asked for volunteers for Meals-on-Wheels helpers.

Police Dept. – School District – Library – Rotary – Mural – Open the Floor.....

- Mike Sayers, Amherst Schools – Todd Engle passed last evening. Please keep family in thoughts & prayers. Thanked Craig & Jerry for their fundraiser. Prayer was offered. Craig Snodgrass thanked supporters, 1000+, for supporting the fundraiser.
- Amherst Police – Mark Cawthon passed info pamphlet regarding ordinances. Officers will also go to business, meet them, and explain pamphlet.
- Amherst Library – student art show May 9th. Suicide prevention program on May 3rd. See website for more programs & details.
- Fire Dept. – Fire chief, Jim Wilhelm, introduced himself. Promised to investigate insurance ratings for commercial & residential. Reviewed in February by the insurance office. Anticipating fire insurance rates to drop. Update: 194 calls since Jan. 1st.
- Community Congregational Church – please check website for Piano Concert & High Tea dates.
- Victoria, NSHC – Welcomed Dr. David Joyce, cardiologist to NSHC. 2x month. Check website.
- Julie, ACTF – Goals: build community involvement to create a teen community center. Need financial & volunteer support. Looking to build relationships & stop substance abuse.

- Denise invited all Seniors to attend St. Joseph Church Amherst Baccalaureate mass, Sunday, May 20th at 11am. ALL denominations. Please contact the church at 440-988-2848. Diane Syrowski, chair.
- Paige – Key Bank, business owners program. Passed flyer to explain incentives.
- Good Sheppard Baptist Church – welcomed all to join. 1st Sunday of month.
- Mary Kay Kirsch – sit-run-yoga at the grange hall. Invited all. Also sells Mary Kay products, introduced new skin care system.
- Tim K.- Fox 8 RV Team will go from Fox8 to Cedar Point. Will be stopping at bakery on Friday, May 18th at 6:45am. Rain date, Monday, May 21st. Tim invited all members to join them w/a show of support.
- Terry K. – announced new donuts for Cinco de mayo & Kentucky Derby.

Adjourn – Teresa 1st. Joni 2nd at 9:55am.

Next meeting, Thursday, June 7th, 2018 at 9am.