



Main Street Amherst

General Membership Meeting

April 4, 2019

In attendance: Teresa Gilles, Denise McCarty, Mike Ciu, John Dunn, Joni Poli, Kevin DeLong, Pat Farnsworth, Donna Templeton, Gina Campana, Shirley Dobias, Ginni Murphy, Sarah Walker, Kristen Schroll, Rudy Breglia, Jeff Lowman, Alan Booth, Carys Trubach, Bonnie Pohorence, Jeanette Flynne, Darryl Robert's, Rachelle Conrady, Becky Denes, Terri Kiedrowski, Micah Judy, Dave Jones, Yvonne Hutchison, Alan Thompson, Stephanie Thompson, Mark Cawthon, Joseph Kucirek, Steve Mayes, Jennifer Scott-Wasilk, Matt Nahorn, Missy Timko, Josh Smith, Tom Anderson, AL DiFranco, Andrew Flynn, Autumn Lamb, Daniel Samms, Mary Kay Kirsch, Becky Rados, Tim Uras, Sue Keller, Nicole Stanley, Debbie Kellie.

President – Michael Ciu

- Meeting called to order at 9:02am.
- Members introduced themselves. If it's your 1st meeting, please stand & intro yourself.
- Motion to approve March minutes – Teresa Gilles 1st, Denise McCarty 2nd. All in favor.
- Pastor Steve gave the blessing.

Vice President – Denise McCarty

- Treats donated this morning by Ridge Cleaners, Paula (not in attendance).

Organization Chair – Ginni Murphy

- Committee working on: Basket Bingo, Sunday, April 14th at Amherst Eagles. Tickets on sale now!
- Would like to develop a sponsorship package outlining what "members" gain so we are not constantly asking them for donations/monies. May get higher sponsorship levels.
- Smart Start Workshop, Thursday, April 18th, 8:30-10am in MSA building. Gina Campana from Campana CPA's will host.
- MSA Discount Card idea – meeting May 2nd at 8am.
- If you'd like to be on any committees, please see Ginni.

Business Enhancement – Micah Judy

- Amherst After Hours – Wednesday, April 24th from 5-7pm inside Arabica.
- Working on quote for the downtown metal bench restoration.

Special Projects – Kevin DeLong

- Working on a new website for MSA. Would like to know what you use it for? Improvements, suggestions? See Kevin.
- Working on a new lip dub video.
- Working on Facebook & Instagram live videos, other social media platforms? Any ideas? Using an OB (open broadcast) system. Goes across ALL medial systems.

Promotional Chair – Joni Poli

- 3rd Annual Comedy Night was a great success! Thanks to all that attended.
- Basket Bingo tickets on sale at Sandstone Candle Works, Olde Town Pizza, Kiedrowski's Bakery, and online at www.mainstreetamherst.org/tickets
- 11th Annual Wine & Chocolate Walk is SOLD OUT! Increased tickets sales to 350 this year. A big Thank-you to our community volunteers that are chairing this event. We couldn't do this without you! Next mtg, April 24th, 8:30-9:30 inside Arabica.
- Walkin-on-Wednesday – June 12, July 10th, August 14th, Sept. 11th from 4-7:30pm. Committee mtg, Tuesday, April 23rd, 8:30-9:30 inside Arabica.

Executive Director's Report - Teresa Gilles

- National Small Business Week – Lorain County Main Streets & LCCC are holding this event. Sign-up forms passed to members. Free of charge.

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

- Family Fellowship Church – Josh; Youth Group meets 1x month and would like to be downtown and use sidewalk chalk to write/draw positive messages, i.e. Smile, someone loves you, etc.
- Puffers Flowers – Allen; Toy & Comic Book Sale, Saturday, April 6th from 10-4pm inside MSA. FREE admission. Vendors are all from Lorain County. Bring non-perishable food item, win chance at Chinese Auction to benefit Harvest for Hunter. Volunteers needed. The APL & Heroes United will be there too!
- City of Amherst – Council President, Jennifer Scott-Wasilk; FYI, N Main to Cooper Foster will be closed after July 1, 2019 for road work. City also purchased a new street sweeper.
- Police – Sgt. Joe Kucirek will stay after meeting for questions.
- Amherst Library – see website for events. Sign-up for their e-newsletter!
- Schools – Learning about children's brains health talk in the schools. All are welcome. See Sarah for more details. See school website for more events. New buildings progressing, teachers will be touring every week to get familiar.
- LC Metro Parks – Ryan Ladd; Explorer's Club preparation has begun. Businesses prefer their names on the pins for the lanyards. Order your own or see Teresa at MSA.
- Smart Start – Ginni Murphy; Campana CPA's will give advice on what type of entity your business should be and why. All are welcome. \$5 fee.

- Communities that Care – April 29th-May 3rd for First Responders! Please bring your non-perishable snack donations. May & June will be underage drinking awareness programs. More info to follow.
- School Bus Safety Alliance - Rudy Breglia, PhD; Trying to get seatbelts for school busses. See Rudy or call him at 440-930-0251. Email: rudybreglia@gmail.com
- Amherst Athletic Assoc. – Tom Anderson; 2019 sponsorships are going well. Opening day is May 18th.
- Good Shepard Baptist Church - Pastor Dan; Gather & pray for our community on Good Friday. All are welcome. For info on the “Underground Seminary”, see Pastor Dan.

Please remember to volunteer for your community! Main Street Amherst couldn't be what it is without you. Thank you. Have any new ideas or a cause you'd like to support? Let us know!

Motion to Adjourn at 10:00 am – Denise 1st, Teresa 2nd.

Next meeting, Thursday, May 2nd at 9am.