



Main Street Amherst

General Membership Meeting

January 4th, 2018

In attendance: Denise McCarty, John Dunn, Bobby Vaughn, Joni Poli, Mike Ciu, Chip Ingersol & Cora, Pat Farnsworth, Erin Link, Melissa Porter, Ginni Murphy, Victoria Bear, Rachelle Conrady, Dianna Frederickson, Terri Kiedrowski, Tim Kidrowski, Timmy Kiedrowski, Carmen Close, Teresa Gilles, Millie Bungels, Angel Wright, Jeanette Flynn, Bonnie Pohorence, Sarah Herold, Dianna Fredricksen, Missy Beran, Ben Cislo, Jeff Lowman, Megan Otter, Melanie Pressler, Dave Walzer, Paige Loychik, Amanda Wright, Spencer Reid, Jeremy Watson, Kelsey & Denver Watson, Jennifer Scott-Wasilk, Mary Kirsch, Lisa Hutson, Homer Virdew.

Meeting called to order by Denise McCarty at 9:03am.

Motion to approve April minutes: Chip 1st, Teresa 2nd.

President – Denise McCarty

- Board Members: Denise McCarty, president. Tom Anderson, VP. Erin Link, organizational chair. Michael Ciu, Business Enhancement. Joni Poli, promotional chair. Bobby Vaughn, special projects. Donna Templeton, secretary. Teresa Gilles, executive director of MSA.

Vice President – Tom Anderson

- Thanked members for coming out to volunteer & vote for new board members. Welcomed Terri Kiedrowski as a newly elected board member.
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Business Enhancement - Mike Ciu

- After Hours at Brew Kettle, January 24th from 5-7pm. Come join us and network! Still have open spots for sponsors, sign up sheet passed around.
- Next Business Enhancement will be 8:15am, before next General MSA meeting.

Organization Chair – Erin Link

- Smart Shop workshop, Thursday, January 11th from 8-10am. Topic – Marketing. We are still looking for Facebook person, Teresa Gilles stated we have a Facebook person!
- Backpack program still going on. Please consider donating non-perishable items.

- Comedy Night, Saturday, February 24th. Ginni Murphy, co-chair. Mark Costilow donates Amherst Cinema to MSA. Next meeting, Friday, January 12th at 8:30 @ Arabica.

Promotional Chair – Joni Poli

- Looking for volunteers to co-chair an event with a board member.
- Wine & Chocolate Walk – Sunday, May 20th.
- Pride Day – Saturday, May 19th.
- Walkin on Wednesdays – looking for entertainers, please see Joni or Bobby Vaughn.
- Dancing on Main Street – Saturday, August 4th.
- Prize-A-Day - and Apples & Ale – dates TBD. Teresa explained A&A to members. Invited members participation.
- Miracle on Main Street – Friday, December 7th.
- Lolly the Trolley – Wednesday, December 13th.

Special Projects Chair – Bobby Vaughn

- Main Street Live – resumes Wednesday, January 10th. Streamed live on MSA Facebook page between 12:30-1pm.

Design Chair – Pat Farnsworth

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Executive Director’s Report - Teresa Gilles

- Teresa congratulated Jennifer Wasilk as new City Council President.
- Grant project is over. Will look for new grants in future.
- Board Retreat is Sunday, February 4th at 8:30am. New goals set & others reviewed.
- Member dues being mailed out. Please pay promptly.

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

- Charlene Kalo, Amherst Library: suggested members buy local. New Children’s event, Noon Years Eve! At the library. Invited members to join in the fun. Children’s calendar offers Canine Reading Buddies event, New. Other events on website or call the library. Adult, offering chair yoga, Thursday at 6:30pm. Other events on website or call the library. Also, new people applying for library cards. Today, Dr. Watson is doing a detox program this month, his 3rd year. Melanie also gave our newest member, Denver, a welcome bag to APL. New event, Monday, January 29th, 6:30pm: program from NE Ohio Library system. Welcomed all to join. FabCab – new at LCCC. Offers “digital enhancement tools” to entrepreneurs. Can make signs, banners, a 3D printer, etc. January 19th, they’ll be at the High School. January 20th, 9-10:30am for MSA Members. Call Melanie at Library to register, 988-4230.
- Rotary – Jeremy Watson. Annual fundraiser, January 27th at St. Joes Social Hall, 7pm. Tickets at Party Shop and Giuseppe’s Wine Cellar. \$30. Donations accepted, call Jeremy directly or drop at his office on Park Ave. Tickets will be available the door for \$35.
- Amherst Historical Society – Medina Gonzales. New Event, February 17th at Cork’s Banquet Hall. \$60/person. After Jan. 31st, \$70. Call AHS for tickets or raffle items to donate. Flyers distributed.

- Open Floor: Darryl & Jack from Varsity News Network. Explained the new website, links to Amherst Schools website for sports. Each sport has its own webpage, ads rotate every 10 seconds. Need advertisers & sponsors. 30% of ad revenue goes back to schools. Live approx. Feb 15th. www.amherststeelecomets.com also lined to social media accounts, mobile apps for coaches as well.
- Amherst Lions Club – fundraiser, Project Lifesaver – offers “tracking program & devices” for people w/memory issues. Tuesday, January 16th, dine to donate 11am-11pm. 15% given to Lions Club. (Teresa thanked Lions Club for volunteers at M.O.M.).
- Melissa Porter – January 19th, 6-9pm, Education on Human Trafficking at Family Fellowship Church. Also, Harbor Town Martial Arts will be there to educate people. Invited all to attend. Free of charge. Also, Family Fun Day on Sunday, January 14th at UH Family Health Center – family fun night out. 6:15-8:15pm. Cost \$5 individual or \$15 for family.
- Anytime Fitness – join for \$1 through January 12th.
- Comedy Tickets available from any member or on the website.
- Leadership LC sponsoring event January 31st free of charge. Board Connections.
- Chip Ingersoll – Sunday, January 21st, Alpha Dog holding an all-day pet 1st aide & CPR event/class. \$125 fee.
- Mike Ciu – 1-bedroom apartment available for rent above Studio Q. Appliances included.
- Tim Kiedrowski – Paczki ball will be Saturday, February 3rd at DeLuca’s Place in the Park. Tickets \$30 each, can purchase a table. Doors open at 5pm, event to 11pm.
- LC Auditor – dog tags must be purchased by Jan. 31st. Available at Alpha Dog too.
- Teresa Gilles – reminder from Mayor’s office: please shovel & salt sidewalks.

Adjourn – Joni 1st, Chip 2nd

Next meeting, Thursday, February 1st, 2018 at 9am.