



Main Street Amherst

General Membership Meeting

December 7, 2017

In attendance: Denise McCarty, John Dunn, Shirley Dobias, Bobby Vaughn, Joni Poli, Mike Ciu, Micah Judy, Goldie Saegert, Missy Timko, Chip Ingersoll & Cora, Pat Farnsworth, Erin Link, Barb Tressel-Bangas, Melissa Porter, Ginni Murphy, Rachel Ray, Victoria Barren, Sumer Smith, Christina Mahlenkamp, Racheal Conrady, Katherine Gambish, Melissa VanderWyden, Craig Kinsley, Craig Snodgrass, Dianna Frederickson, Jenn Smith, Matthew Metzger, Terri Kiedrowski, Tim Kiedrowski, Jeanette Flynn, Wendy Burgos, Judy Recknagel, Herb Del A Port, Carmen Close, Teresa Gilles, Millie Bungels, Angel Wright, Jeanette Flynn, Bonnie Pohorence, Sarah Herold, Dianna Fredricksen, Missy Beran, Lou Ann Wiegand, Teresa L. Gilles, Carmen Close.

Meeting called to order by Denise McCarty at 9:04am.

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

President – Denise McCarty

- Thanked MSA for treats today.

Vice President – Tom Anderson

- Election for 3 new board members today. Must be a member for 3+ months to run for election. Nominations open until 2pm today.

Business Enhancement - Mike Ciu

- Amherst After Hours – Wednesday, January 24th, 5-7pm at Brew Kettle. Sponsor sheet passed.
- Business Networking event – January 4th, before general meeting. Come volunteer!

Organization Chair – Erin Link

- Smart Start, Thursday, Jan 11th from 8-10am at MSA. Passed sign-up sheet.
- Back Pack Program – Good Sheppard Baptist Church houses packs, delivers to schools. Passed 2018 sign-up sheet.
- Comedy Night – Saturday, February 24th, 2018. At Amherst Cinema. 1st meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 3rd at 8:30am at Arabica.
- Asked for volunteers to co-chair with a Board Member.

- 2018 Member Invoices going out soon. Please pay timely. New brochures will be printed in 1st quarter of 2018.

Promotional & Special Projects Chair – Joni Poli & Bobby Vaughn

- Prize-A-Day – profit \$3,575. Please call your winners.
- Miracle-On-Main Street – sponsorship was down in 2017, but still a great event w/many in attendance. Longest parade ever in 10 years! Welcomed new groups for 2018.
- Apples & Ale – profit \$2,700.
- Lolly-the-Trolley – Wednesday, December 13th. Sold-out!

Executive Director’s Report - Teresa Gilles

- Teresa thanked members for their support in 2017. Ann

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

- Rotary – fundraiser January 27th, 2018 at St. Joe’s Social Hall. Monday, Dec. 11th Amherst Choir attends meeting & sings. Dec. 18th, Firelands Choir attending to sing. All welcome.
- LC Metro Parks – Holiday Lights at Carlisle Reservation. Swim w/Santa on Sunday, Dec. 10th. Finished Amherst bike path! Log onto www.metroparks.cc for dates and more activities.
- Open floor: resident offered “Merry Christmas” signs for business members. Christina from Nordson thanked MSA for inviting her today. Nordson has 7200 employees in 42 countries world-wide. Setting-up Free shared services programs. Approx. 100 new jobs to Amherst! Requested MSA brochures from MSA for new “welcome packets”. Also announced there is a new “event space” at Nordson. Give items to Teresa, she will distribute to Christina for packets.
- Judy Recknagle – announced she began MSA and gave members an overview of how this wonderful resource for our community! Thanked Teresa Gilles for her service.
- Missy Timko – Comm. Congregational UCC on N. Main has a 10am service, 4pm service, and 8pm candlelight service on Christmas Eve. All invited.
- Herb Del A Port – Lifecare Ambulance – has uniform shop next to Arabica. Please stop by.
- Scott Hughes – Image Builders Marketing, thanked Mike Ciu for being part of Amherst Magazine. Available to all. Working on LC Magazine, space closes Friday, Dec. 15th.
- Mike Ciu – photo session holiday deadline, Dec. 16th. Still time for pictures, cards, etc.
- Craig Snodgrass – dog tags on sale now. www.loraincounty.com/auditor \$60/year. Available at Alpha Pet.

MSA pulled names for poinsettia winners: Walthall, Jenn Smith, Ginni Murphy, Tim Kiedrowski, Millie Bengel, Ryan Ladd, Micah Judy, Summer, Dianna, Wendy, Mike Ciu, Missy Timko, Scott Hughes, Angel Wright, Craig Snodgrass, Peck & Gambish, Donna T., Joni Poli, Matt Metzger, Tom Anderson.

Adjourn – Teresa 1st. Chip Ingersol 2nd at 9:45am.

Next meeting, January 4th, 2018 at 9:00am.