



Morning Mingle Agenda Thursday, May 1, 2025

Teresa Gilles, Ginni Murphy, Audrey Costilow, Mike Eppley, Dave Janik, Lisa Brown, Dan Bowens, Deb Jeffries, Cindi Manning, Joni Poli, Donna Templeton, Chris Durkin, Christina Meier, John Brickel, Larissa Buriswill, Steven Taylor, Mike Stevens, Sandy Kaiser, Melissa Porter, Cherie Stumpowski, Gabe Rey, Elyse Nedrow, Jeri Leigh Siss, Nick Hurst, Michele Esper, Cassandra Lough, Michaela Duta, Cookie McLoda, Les Kreeger, Jeremy Watson, Becky Denes, Peggy Sinabaldi, Sanders, Derek Hamons, Jonathan Goldsmith, Jennifer Scott-Wasilk, Brianna Zigmund, Morgan Fuller

President ~ Denise (Ginni Murphy)

- Call meeting to order and welcome to the Morning Mingle @ 9:01am
- Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance
- Prayer by Josh from Grow Point or Gab from Good Shepard Church, Sam Kamnikar gave the blessing
- Go around the room and introduce
- Approve the minutes from April Morning Mingle ~ Teresa 1st, Joni 2nd. All in favor. Motion passes.
- Thank you to Deb Jeffries from Russell Realty for providing the goodies this month.

Promotional Chairs ~ Joni & Cindi

2025 Events

- Spring Basket Bingo – Recap ~ Bingo was a huge success making approximately \$18k. The 50/50 winner took home over \$2k. We will be asking businesses to donate 2 items for the spring & fall bingo's next year.
- Beautification Day – May 17, please meet us inside MSA at 9am to help clean up the downtown area.
- Wine & Chocolate – May 18, registration is from 11am-1pm. The walk is from 12-5pm ~ we have a few tickets left. Thanked Deb Jeffries for sponsoring the bags, First Federal for sponsoring tickets and Buckeye Bank for donating 350 pens. Joni let members know they can still participate.
- Walkin' on Wednesday – June 11, July 9, August 13 (Rain Date - September 10). Teresa distributed forms to register. you may also go online to register.

Executive Director's Report ~ Teresa

- Backpack Program sign-up sheet
- Main Street Live sign-up sheet



- Small Business Week May 4 to May 10 "Hi I'm Here!". Take your photo and hashtag LOCOSMALLBIZ25 to enter and win prizes!
- Welcome to our new members
 - Lake Erie Healing
 - K Hovanian ~ Diana DeCesare

Update From Local Officials and Organizations

- Police, Fire Dept, City Council, School District, Rotary, Lorain County Auditor, Amherst Historical Society, Mural Association, Library, Others.

Open the Floor to the Members that Signed Up to Speak (2 minutes only)

- Jeri Leigh Sis~ your favorite financial planner.
- Nick Hurst ~ Achieve Credit Union, Friday, May 16th from
- Fifth Third Bank ~ offered financial planning services
- Denise Sinibaldi ~ Rock To Water, having a recycled Fashion Show. Six teams compete and are judged to win \$500
- Chris Durkin, Ohio Means Jobs ~ first week of May is "In Demand" jobs week. Job fair on Thursday from 10-4pm. See their website for more details and programs/information
- Mike Stevens ~ Veterans Memorial, Nordson refurbished 2 fences near the veteran's wall.
- Skilled care bed and memory care bags available
- Debbie from Sam's Club ~ offered memberships and reminded members she is in charge of giving donations
- Sarah Neihart from Ziggy's and Amherst Alumni Assoc ~ 1st Alumni festival will be held on August 2nd from 4-9pm. Looking for sponsors & donations. They will have a band and DJ and participants will be permitted to use their DORA cups. All Amherst School Alumni are welcome! Teresa let members know you will need to bring your own chairs for the event.
- Mike Eppley ~ Thursday, May 8th, Sponsor is Lormet Credit Union. MSA After Hours Business Networking at The 1907 Assisted Living. All are welcome & bring a friend.
- City Council ~ Jennifer Wasilk, legislation coming to council presented by Dave Janik. There is a noise ordinance in place for Amherst, residential & commercial. Council defined the noise levels and standards according to the decibel rating of 80, from 9pm-6am. Meetings are live-streamed every second and fourth Monday at 7pm. Targeted at short-term rentals and Airbnb settings. The city is waiting for the state for an update on the round-about at Oak Point & Cooper Foster at SR 2. Update on the RR; using higher quality steel support beams which gives trucks 1.5' more clearance.
- Amherst Rotary ~ Jeri Leigh Siss, an International Service Organization. Their work stays within the Amherst community. Meetings are the second Monday of each month, Monday, May 12th. Wine Tasting is Friday, May 16th. All are welcome. See their website for more details and information. Proceeds are going to fund the fresh fruit and vegetable initiative



program for the next school year. Businesses are invited to promote their business through sponsorships and donations.

- Amherst Historical Society ~ Night at the Races on Saturday, May 3rd. Tickets are still available, \$25 each. See their website for more events and details.
- Amherst Public Library ~ art show is still available for one more week. Come and see their work! Please see their website for more events and details.
- Non-member, Brianna Zigmund from the dental office on SR 58. Working to present dental outreach to the schools.

Open the Floor to Non-members (if there is time)

Business card drawing ~ Michaela Duta, Fifth Third Bank.

Next Morning Mingle will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2025.

Ask for a motion to adjourn ~ Joni 1st, Teresa 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 9:50am