



Thursday, April 8, 2021 ~ MORNING MINGLE Agenda

In Attendance: Michael Ciu, Teresa Gilles, Pat Farnsworth, John Dunn, Sandy Kaiser, John Sekletar, Cathy Sekletar, Sherri Kamnikar, Jeff Lowman, Josh Smith, Matt Raines, Nouie Nodal, Jeremy Watson, Francisco Bonilla, Ginni Murphy, Jennifer Scott Wasilk, Joni Poli, Steve Sayers, Missy Timko, Becky Denes, Terri Kiedrowski,

President ~ Michael Ciu

- Call meeting to order and welcome to the general meeting at 9:02am.
- Prayer by Josh Smith from Grow Point.

Promotion ~ Joni & Nouie

- Easter Bunny Event ~ went very well w/eight bunnies and a stationary bunny.
- Basket Bingo will be held Sunday, April 25 at Amherst Eagles.
- Wine & Chocolate Walk – Sunday, May 16. Teresa has participation forms if needed.
- Walkin' on Wednesday – 6/9, 7/14, 8/11, 9/8. Hoping to move the event to Church St. & Park Ave. so we can move the vendors down the street and include all downtown businesses. Not just the ones near City Hall.

Executive Director ~ Teresa

- Eat Drink & Win
 - o Overall, the numbers were really pretty positive: 574 Entries, 72 Destinations visited, 91 participants, \$47.53 average receipt value for a grand total of \$27,284.18! We gave out just over \$2000 in gift cards thanks to your generosity and all those who donated cards! When you think of the additional \$2000, we nearly made a \$30,000 impact on these local restaurants, something we should all be proud of!
- Water Hanging Baskets ~ need a couple of volunteers! 1-1.5 hours. They will be hanging on every pole along Park Ave and S. Main St. Can begin around 5:30am.
- Wrought Iron Bench Update ~ we should have all of them in the next few weeks. Some have been placed already! They sit in-front of member businesses.
- Signage Update ~ Digital sign on the corner of Church St. & Cleveland Ave, in the hospital parking lot. Lormet C.U. donated a digital sign! Working with the city and an architect.
- Facebook Live ~ Starts Wednesday, 4/14.
- Amherst Monopoly gam ~ selling spaces for either \$200 or \$250. See Judy Recknagel or Teresa Gilles.
- MSA is offering two, \$500 Scholarships to Amherst School Seniors. 11 applications received via a video submission. Scholarships awarded at the banquet in May.

Open the Floor - Police, Fire, City Council, School District, Library, SBDC:

~City Council President, Jennifer Scott Wasilk ~ sidewalk program starting again. New subdivision being built behind Target, 60-70 homesites. The mayor is also working on a plan to redo the interchange at I90 and Oak Point Rd.

~Amherst Schools Superintendent, Steve Sayers ~ Thanked MSA for their Scholarships. Spring sports have begun in the schools, including prom and graduation! Also planning for a normal '21- '22 school year.

~Amherst Historical Society, Sandy Kaiser ~ Replaced fundraising with garage sales. Look for their signs at Sandstone Village. Dining to Donate at Pogie's, April 16-17th from 4-8pm. He recommends pre-orders, walk-ins welcome. Friday, April 9th is Pogie's Grand Opening! AHS is also looking for volunteers. All are welcome. NOTE: Sandstone Hall is ready for rental!

~Amherst Public Library ~ see their website for all their activities and reading fun! This is also National Library Week.

~Open Floor: Pat Farnsworth, W.O.W. needs door prizes. Cathy Sekletar, Amherst Veterans Mural ~ They will be placing a sandstone wall in the "green space" at Tenney & Park Ave, called "Patriots Park". Local painters will place their art on the wall for 1-year with a sponsor. Looking for more donations to finish the project.

~Amherst Rotary Club, Jeremy Watson ~ Friday, April 30th, prime rib/chicken dinner, 5:30-7:30. Tickets for sale online. Also, meetings every Monday at Ziggy's.

~MSA, Teresa Gilles ~ This will be our last Zoom meeting for Morning Mingle. Please joining us on May 6th inside MSA Building.

~Right Track Nutrition, Alicia Stewart ~ Offering classes every Wednesday evening and Saturday mornings.

~Basket Bingo ~ MSA needs more raffle baskets!

~Hastee Tastee opens this Friday, April 9th. Yay! Also, Hot Dog Heaven's food truck is open until the New HDH is built. It will include a 2nd story party room and a drive thru. Amherst Cinema is now open!

Next meeting is Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 9 a.m.

Adjournment at 9:42am, Nouie 1st, Ginni 2nd.