



Thursday, July 1, 2021 ~ General Meeting Agenda

In attendance: Teresa Gilles, John Dunn, Michael Ciu, Matt Raines, Denise McCarty, Sherri Kamnikar, Ginni Murphy, Karen Fulton, Pat Farnsworth, Nouie Nodal, Kay Kohler, Kristy Voss, Josh Bender, Sandy Kaiser, John Sekletar, Natasha, John Brickel, Jeff Barnes, Angelique O'Brian, Becky Denes, Mike Hozan, Cheryl Litz, Craig Snodgrass, Jerry Perch, Tim Kiedrowski, Terrie Kiedrowski, Jeff Lowman, Jeremy Watson, Mark Cawthon, Mary K Kirsch, Brian Riegel, Francisco Bonilla, Nathan Blossom, Cindy Castro-White, Antonette Feauto, Nathasha Cresap, Danielle Lowe, Krish Foss, Karen Folten, Donna Templeton.

President ~ Michael Ciu

- Call meeting to order and welcome to the general meeting @ 9:04am.
- Bagels provided by Buckeye Bank, John Brickel.
- Prayer by Pastor Matt Raines.

Promotion ~ Joni

- Walkin' on Wednesday – 7/14, 8/11, 9/8 (Farmer Market/Car Show). Teresa offered to use MSA golf cart for customers that need to get into or out of a business. Park Ave & Church St. will be closed. (DORA = Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area). May happen in 2022. City would apply for DORA.
- Kid's Explorer Club – July 14-August 11 – Update – Denise: Buttons were passed out to participating businesses. Lanyards will be at WOW, First Federal of Lorain booth, then at the library. Free to participants. Fun for the children.
- Basket Bingo – Sunday, September 26 @ Amherst Eagles. Doors open at 12 noon. First game at 1pm. Committee Meeting Thursday, July 8th at 5pm inside MSA. \$30 includes light lunch, 13 games. Prizes & Chinese Auction.

Organization ~ Ginni

- Hanging Baskets – John give update – need Tuesday mornings.
- Amherst-Opoly Game Update ~ if you'd like your name on the board it's \$100. See Teresa.

Business Enhancement ~ Matt

- Sign Update ~ waiting on design for the base of the sign. Will be placed on corner, across from Olde Town, in the hospital parking lot.
- Website Update ~ contract being signed today.

Design ~ Terri

- Benches – We should have all the benches finished and back the week of July 12th. If you are a member and located downtown and want a bench, please let me know.

Executive Director ~ Teresa

- Backpack Program ~ Provide non-perishable food for children in need.
- Plastic Bag Program ~ for Leo Club. Recycled into benches!
- City lunch ~ MSA supplied pizza for city workers because they help MSA with many things. THANK YOU!
- Christmas Wreaths ~ White or multi-colored lights? White lights were preferred.

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

~Police Dept. ~ Remember safety this July 4th weekend. Safe driving, fireworks.
~Library ~ Summer Reading Program still in progress. Please see the libraries website for all the events & activities being offered.
~Amherst Historical Society ~ July 11th, first day for tours at The Quigley Museum. Nord Family Foundation did say the Village will be opening this summer! 501C3 may request use of the buildings. The old church at 113 S. Lake is also available for rent. Flyer posted in MSA window with event dates.
~John Seklatar, mural association. Groundbreaking in July for the Memorial Wall. Steak fry will be held on 9/11.
~Rotary ~ meetings held every Monday, 12 noon at Ziggy's. Dedicated to service around the world.

Pull gift card ~ Cheryl Litz of UHC

Open Floor:

~Craig Snodgrass of LC Auditor, County Treasurers tax bill due Friday, July 9th. Taxes 16.31% countywide increase for residential home values in 2022.
~Community Development of LCCC will come to your business and work with you one on one. Governor DeWine has grants to be used.
~July 4th at 5am, look-up and see the moons of Jupiter, Mercury and Saturn.
~St. Peters UCC on Church St, we have a new pastor, Chris Buckingham Taylor. Welcome!
~OPEN FLOOR ~

Adjournment @ 9:57am. Have a safe and happy July 4th weekend!

Walkin' on Wednesday ~ Wednesday, July 14 4pm-7:30/8pm

Kick Off of the Kid's Explorer Club ~ Wednesday, July 14 4pm/7:30pm

Morning Mingle ~ August 5 – 9am

Walkin' on Wednesday ~ Wednesday, August 11 4pm-7:30/8pm

The end of the Kid's Explorer Club ~ Wednesday, August 11 4pm/7:30pm