



**Thursday, November 4, 2021 ~ Morning Mingle Agenda**

**Nouie Nodal, Sherri Kamnikar, John Dunn, Mike Ciu, Teresa Gilles, Donna Templeton, Denise McCarty, Audrey Costello, Jeremy Watson, Steve Sayers, Jen Cooper, Natalie Stiwald, Josh Smith, Mark Cawthon, Terri Kiedrowski, Danielle Lowe, John Sekletar, Francisco, Jennifer Wasilk, Josh Bender, Ian Berry, Joni Poli, Sandy Kaiser, Tim Kiedrowski, Susie May, Libby Budweg, Dawn Howell, Nathan Blossom, Francisco Bonilla.**

**President ~ Michael Ciu**

- Call meeting to order and welcome to the general meeting @ 9:06am.
- Go around the room and introduce.
- Prayer by Josh from Grow Point.
- Nominations for election next month. Three spots will be open. Please let us know if you'd like to run.

**Promotion ~ Joni/Nouie**

- Christmas Open Houses – Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 5pm – vendors will be set up inside the MSA Community Center as well.
- Miracle on Main Street – Fri., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> with a committee meeting this Tuesday. Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 5 to 6pm. Please contact Teresa if your group would like to be a part of the parade.
- Jingle Bell Bus – Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – tickets now on sale, \$5 each.

**Organization ~ Ginni**

- Membership Dues went out via mail and email through Intuit. Please pay online if possible.

**Design ~ Terri**

- Talk about the Cleveland and Lorain sign to see if people would like to have something like that in Amherst. Please let Terri know if you'd like to be on this committee.

**Executive Director ~ Teresa**

- Target of Opportunity Grant Program – Slow process. We hope to have the application submitted next Spring.
- Digital Sign – working with Mayor to find another location.
- Hot Dog Heaven Pavers ~ go on their website to purchase a paver.
- Veteran event on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am ~ John Sekletar,
- Angel Tree Program ~ w/Olivia Sliman & Salvation Army.
- Backpack Sheet going around for 2022. Accepting snacks or monetary donations.
- Snack 2022?

Please only take 2 to 3 minutes so that we give everyone time to speak - Open the Floor - Police, City Council, School District, SBDC, AHS, Rotary:

- Police Dept.: Mark Cawthon ~ trick or treat went well in downtown Amherst. Amherst Police Text Line 440-988-4422. Text to ask a question. Operates 24/7. Be aware of City Snow Ban.
- City Council: Jennifer Wasilk ~ extending leaf pick-up further into December. Jennifer discussed the new round about Cooper Foster and N. Lake St/Kolbe Rd.
- Schools: Steve Sayer ~ the year is going well so far. Amherst has acquired 84 additional students in our district. It's the single, largest jump in enrollment since 2005. These are in grades K-5.

- AHS: 1-room schoolhouse is open again to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. A great success. The Enchanted Village, a non-scary Halloween, was a great success. Cemetery walk at Cleveland Ave Cemetery went well. Garage Sales: Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> is half-price sale. Nov. 10-13<sup>th</sup> and 17-19<sup>th</sup> at historical society.
- Rotary: Jeremy Watson ~ January 29<sup>th</sup>, save the date for the Annual Wine Tasting at Amherst Eagles. Taking donations for door prizes. Positive mental health trail was posted at Beaver Trail. Meeting everything Monday at Ziggy's. All are welcome.
- Open Floor: Chris Russo opened the theater for North Ridgeville school students to see the Veteran Wall. Signage, suggested a sign be visible regarding Downtown Amherst. Maybe along SR2.

Pull business card to win certificates to Do or Dye or McArthur & Sons ~ Nathan Blossom, Busy Pay, is the winner!

Next Morning Mingle will be held on Thursday, December 2, 2021

We need some help carrying up the Xmas decorations and would appreciate your help when the meeting adjourns – we will be putting all the items in the corner by the fireplace. Thank you.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Adjournment @ 9:43am. Terri 1<sup>st</sup>, Joni 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned. Thank you all for coming. Amherst Girl Scout Troops will be decorating for us this year! Thank you.