



Thursday, September 2, 2021 ~ Morning Mingle Agenda

Erin Link, John Dunn, Teresa Gilles, Sherri Kamnikar, Becky Harmych, Denise McCarty, Erin Link, Pat Farnsworth, Josh Smith, Dawn Howell, Mike Ciu, Joni Poli, Tish Keegan, Mike Sekletar, Ginni Murphy, Ian Barry, Angelique O'Brian, Nouie Nodal, Tom Sekerak, Gina Campana, Becky Denes, Ron Riegels, Libby Budweg, James Barnes, Jennifer Wasilk, Mary Kay Kirsch, Terri Kiedrowski, Joe Carney, Adam Board, Christie Foss, Natalie, Jennifer Cooper, Jeremy Watson, Craig Snodgrass, Steve Sayers, Tim Uris, Natalie Stiwalk, Jen Cooper, Kristi Foss, Adam Board, Brian, Jennifer Judkins.

President ~ Michael Ciu

- Call meeting to order and welcome to the general meeting @ 9:04am.
- Prayer by Josh Smith, Growthpoint Church.

Promotion ~ Joni/Nouie

- Walkin' on Wednesday – 9/8 (Farmer Market/Car Show) – Teresa speaking with the mayor to get DORA for 2022 W.O.W. Let Teresa know if your business would like to be a part of W.O.W. for 2022. Vendors on Park Ave and car show on Church St. Pat Farnsworth needs a volunteer to help direct cars to their parking spots.
- Kid's Explorer Club – July 14-August 11. Extended to Sept. 9th due to rain at the last W.O.W. – Coming to an end – participants turn their sheets into Teresa or Sherry at MSA. Denise.
- Basket Bingo – Sunday, September 26 – Committee Meeting Thursday, Sept. 8 at 5pm – Asked business owners to donate a basket or gift certificate for door prizes. Nouie.
- Miracle on Main Street – Friday, December 3 – Joni – Meeting date Oct. 18, 5-6pm inside MSA. See Teresa/Sherri for participation form for the parade.
- Jingle Bell Bus – Wednesday, December 15 – Amherst Schools are donating the school buses to MSA for this event. Joni

Organization ~ Ginni

- Amherst-Opoly Game is ordered. Ginni. Games will be for sale soon.
- Amherst After Hours – We will not be having any After Hour events until 2022.

Business Enhancement ~ Matt (absent)

- Sign Update – We got written approval by UH and will be going in front of the Design Review Board later this month and if it passes, we will go before the Zoning Board for approval.

Design ~ Terri

- Benches – hopefully the last update – last 5 are to be delivered today.

Executive Director ~ Teresa

- Backpack Program ~ Steve Sayers, partnership to help families & children in-need.
- Plastic Bag Program ~ please drop off to MSA building.
- Jessica Barnes ~ Sherri
- Christmas Wreaths-lights are here (show rope lights)
- Target of Opportunity Grant Program ~ Teresa will apply for. Only for 3 or less buildings.
- Homecoming parade ~ Friday, Sept. 24th at 5pm. Park Ave will be closed from 4:15 until parade is over.

- Connect to a Cause ~ LC Community Foundation, Thursday, Sept. 16th. This is a way to help the nonprofits that have partnered with the Comm. Foundation of LC, and Amherst Historical Society. Asking for a \$5 donation for our endowment fund.
- Digital Advertising Opportunities - Lamar Billboard, Amherst Eagles, Amherst Cinema ~ all businesses are welcome to advertise. \$100/month, 8 seconds, 1248 spots in a 24-hour period.

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

- **Lisa Hutson, Small Business Development at LCCC is provided at no-cost to business owners. Profit Mastery, 6-wk course, free to business owners. Live & recorded. Partnered with LC Chamber, Google expert class around marketing. Also, economic summit, virtually or in person.**
- **Jennifer Wasilk, Amherst City Council President ~ health dept. spraying for mosquitos. Milan Ave is OPEN!! Sidewalk work still being done.**
- **Steve Sayers, Superintendent, Amherst Schools ~ thanked our fire, police, and street depts for helping to direct traffic on Milan during construction. Two weeks into a new school year. Going well & working w/the health dept. Praying for peace, unity & kindness in our community.**
- **Brandi ~ Community Outreach for LC Solid Waste Dist. ~ drive-through open in Elyria, 3 days week for LC residents. Teaches how to handle environmental waste in the county.**
- **AHS ~ Sandy Kaiser, free event, 8 Ohio Presidents & their Wives. Fundraiser, murder mystery, \$30/per person w/dinner. Cemetery Walk on Cleveland Ave, Oct. 23-24th.**

Pull business card to win a \$25 gift certificate from The Kneaded Touch

Adjournment ~ Motion to adjourn, Teresa, Joni 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 10:04am.

Walkin' on Wednesday ~ Wednesday, Sept. 8, 4pm-7:30/8pm

The end of the Kid's Explorer Club ~ Wednesday, Sept. 8, 4pm/7:30pm

Bingo Committee Meeting ~ Wednesday, Sept. 8, 5pm