



Thursday, September 1, 2022 ~ Morning Mingle Agenda

Josh Smith, Craig Snodgrass, Sandy Kaiser, Jen Cooper, Natalie Stiwald, Kelsey Watson, Laura Malone, Christina Meier, Ed Dickson, Amelia Gioffredo, Audrey Kosman, Sarah Walker, Mike Molnar, Jeri Leigh Siss, Steve Mayes, Joe Szelempa, AJ Caskey, M. Rosebeck, Becky Denes, Josh Bender, B. Griffin, L. Giardini, Francisco Bonilla, Kayla Phillips, Andrew Krieger, Les Pavlich, Danielle Lowe, Bailey Begin, Marty Gallagher, Mike Cruz, Stephanie Thompson, Philip Thome, Andrea Repko, Pogie, Rich M.

President ~ Denise

- Call meeting to order and welcome to the general meeting at 9:06am.
- Go around the room and introduce.
- Thank you to the Amherst Public Library (Becky) for the goodies this morning, much appreciated.
- Approve the minutes from August's Morning Mingle (they are located on the website). Motion, Teresa 1st, Ginni 2nd. All in favor, motion passes.
- Board Elections in December if you are interested in being a part of the board, please see one of us.
- Prayer, Josh Smith, Grow Point Church.

Promotional Chairs ~ Joni & Terri

Denise & Michael

- Walkin' on Wednesday – 9/14 from 4 to 7:30pm.
- Explorer's Club – Hope everyone that participated enjoyed it. Reminded businesses to remove their EC signs.

Terri & Joni

- Cash Calendar – Month of November. Coincides with the evening OH pick-3. Daily prize is \$100. Month of November has "specialty days" with additional prizes. Please see MSA website for details.
 - Thank you to Downtown Direct for sponsoring the tickets

Joni & Ginni

- October Bingo Update ~ Sold out! October 23rd at Amherst Eagles. Looking for basket donations.

Executive Director ~ Teresa

- Brochure is at the printers ~ should be here in a few weeks.
- Lorain County Brochure ~ Includes Vermilion, Lorain, Amherst, Oberlin, Lorain, Wellington, Elyria. LC Visitors Bureau is sponsoring this brochure. Should be out by Thanksgiving.
- Retail Meetings ~ Teresa passed out event dates through 12/31.
- Veteran's Banners ~ Banners will be on poles in our Historic District. See our Facebook page for details. Photos must be approved by Studio Q first. See Michael Ciu. January-May. Then they belong to the families that purchased them.
- Clydesdales Event ~ This was a huge success. Teresa thanked John Dunn for getting them to come to downtown Amherst. Members let us know how appreciative people were with the event.

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



- Amherst Police ~ Police stated they'd plan for more officers if we hold this event again. Annual FOP Fundraiser, October 1st at Eagles. Donations are accepted. Tickets are available.
- Amherst Schools ~ Superintendent thanked members for their support. Also offered to stop at events if you let them know in advance. 2022/2023 school year theme, Your Comet Is Our Priority! They will also distribute signs to businesses, free of charge.
- Sept 15th, from 8am-8pm, LC Community Foundation is having a Crowd Funding event for 74 non-profit business. Your donation will be "matched". This includes the Amherst Schools Endowment Fund! QR codes were passed to members. Monies go into the MSA Endowment Fund. MSA interest monies is used for school scholarships.
- Amherst Rotary ~ Wing Walk Challenge, 4 vendors participating. Proceeds go towards Rotary Scholarships. 4:30-6:30pm during W.O.W. They will also have 50/50 tickets during W.O.W.
- Amherst Library ~ event calendars were distributed to members. Also, please see their website for more details.
- Puffers Flowers & Gifts ~ October 29th holding a Trick or Treat and Comic Book Show downtown Amherst. Puffers will give business that participate a flyer to post. Free to all who come. This is the weekend before the downtown Amherst Christmas Open House! They will be accepting food donations for Second Harvest. For every item you donate you'll receive a ticket for prizes. Remember, it's FREE!!
- Christmas Decorations ~ Teresa asking the Mayor if we may decorate downtown early this year for the open house.
- Amherst Historical Society ~ Walking Tour brochures were distributed. Free for everyone. Phone is 440-988-7255 if you have questions or would like to visit.
- New Member ~ Copper Kettle Marina's new owner, Kayla, Richard & Gina Phillips.
- Good Sheppard Baptist Church & Amherst Leo Club ~ Backpack Program, pastor thanked members that contributed. Average is 60 students per week. They're asking for cash \$\$\$ vs. food so they can purchase the foods necessary for children w/allergies. Checks may be sent to Good Sheppard and memo "backpack program". They will make purchases.

Pull business card to win a prize ~ Winner is Kayla Chambers! \$20 gift card to Barra.

Next Morning Mingle will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2022

Adjournment at 9:52am. Teresa 1st, Allen 2nd. Meeting adjourned.