



Thursday, March 2, 2023 ~ Morning Mingle Agenda

Teresa Gilles, Denise McCarty, Francisco Bonilla, Diane Risdon, Sherri Kamnikar, Joni Poli, Terri Kiedrowski, Mary K Kirsch, Ralph & Jackie Mercado, Jason Runyan, Pat Farnsworth, Peggy Sinibaldi, Beth Morales, Jeanette Hebb, Josh Smith, Tom Anderson, Mike Ciu, Anne Hollohaszy, Becky Dennis, Justina Miller, Lauren Hoffman, John Brickle, Sandy Kaiser, John Sekletar, Karen Fulton, Becky Harmych, Ginni Murphy, Jeri Leigh Siss, Valerie Neidert, Matt Nahorn, Scott Nelson, Chuck Winiarski, Danielle Lowe, Tim Kiedrowski, Diana DiCeasar, Kimberly Viola, Joe Fueght, Sarah Walker, Amelia Godfredo, AJ Caskey, Alan & Stephanie Thompson, Storm C., Peggy Sinibaldi, Audrey Kosman, Libby Budweg, Suz Dorr, Baily Begin, Danielle Lower, Lauren Hoffman, Mark Cawthon, Denise MacDougal, Jeff Allison, Shelly Horvath, John Sekletar, Diana DeCesare, Donna Templeton.

President ~ Denise

- Call meeting to order and welcome to the Morning Mingle @ 9:05am.
- Prayer by Josh Smith (if in attendance).
- Please help yourself to the goodies provided by Jeremy & Kelsey Watson.
- Go around the room and introduce.
- Approve the minutes from February Morning Mingle, 1st Sherri, 2nd Joni.
- We are looking for more volunteers/individuals that would like to join the team. Please see me after the meeting if you are interested. Thank you.

Executive Director ~ Teresa

- Sign-up sheet for volunteers.
- Veteran Banners Update ~ selling a second round of banners, live 3/3/23 online. January-May annually. 19 have been sold. Those folks will have the option to display their banners one more time due to a shorter display. Pictures must be a headshot so they copy well.
- Nord Family Foundation Grant ~ MSA received a grant of \$40k
- Toyota Grant ~ MSA received a grant from Toyota.

Promotional Chair ~ Joni

List of upcoming events:

- Basket Bingo 4/2 ~ Please bring your baskets by March 10th. Sold 270 tickets in one day.
- Beautification Day 5/20 ~ volunteer's welcome. Meet at MSA building.
- Wine & Chocolate Walk 5/21 – tickets go on sale today at 11am. Vendors need to pay a \$50 deposit that is Fully refundable. www.mainstreetamherst.org

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Organizational Chair ~ Francisco

- Membership Renewal – if you have not paid your membership please do so today by seeing Sherri after the meeting. Thank you.



Design Chair ~ Terri

- New member packet – if you have anything you would like to add to the packet, please bring it to the next Morning Mingle on April 6th. Please drop off at MSA or see Terri Kiedrowski.

Open the Floor - Please only take 2 to 3 minutes so that we give everyone time to speak - Police, City Council, Rotary, Library, Veterans Wall, Valerie N. from Citizens for the Amherst Schools & AHS:

- Police ~ Mark Cawthon ~ reminded members to monitor their monies for fake bills. Next week, main closures on SR 58 for gas line work. Teresa asked if new businesses need to put a "marginal" road. Contact the Amherst Building Dept.
- Amherst City Council ~ Chuck Winiarski, councilman. D.O.R.A = Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area to modify Open Container Laws. Tavern must be a D1 license holder within the district. Chuck met w/tavern owners to discuss. It must be within an area that has no moving-traffic. Going back to City Council for discussion. May possibly due a test-run. What about public restrooms? In other areas, the taverns charge an extra \$1 so participants may use their restrooms. Not sure if this will happen or not for Amherst. John Brickle suggested renting the "trailer" porta potties.
- Historian ~ Matt Nahorn spoke of street improvements in Amherst for Rehabilitation Program this year.
- Amherst Library ~ calendars distributed. Melissa Renner will host a "seated" tap dance class 3/31 at 2pm. Chair yoga is back for April. See their website!
- Veterans Wall ~ 11 sponsorships are taken for the paintings on 11/11 at 11am, annually. See Facebook, Veterans Mural. Can be of a veteran or patriotic theme.
- Amherst Schools ~ Valerie Niedert: 14th annual golf outing to raise monies for levy campaigns. School district funds are not permitted to be used, so this type of event helps provide monies. Sponsorships are available. You may also provide donations to be given in a swag bag. June 9th at Thunderbird Golf Course. 30 teams available. Breakfast is provided by Sprenger Retirement Centers. Lunch, Hot Dog Heaven will provide. Moosehead will cater the dinner! Foursome is \$125/each or \$500 for a team.
- Amherst Schools ~ first Facilities Advisory meeting last week w/employees, elected official, local businesses, family & community members. Schools will also be closed April 8th, 2024, due to the influx of people coming to our community. Also, April 26th, they will hold a Summer Activity Fair for families to share info re: summer options for children.
- Amherst Historical Society ~ flyers passed w/list of events. Service hours are available for students, see Sandy. Scholarship Program, 2 for the trades, for all of Lorain County. \$1,500 each. Thanked Bonefish Systems for their website. Thanked Matt Nahorn for his presentation. Most events are free. June 17th, having a reenactment at Sandstone Village. See their website.

Next Morning Mingle will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2023

Adjournment @ 10:01am, Sherri 1st, Ginni 2nd. Meeting adjourned.