



Thursday, August 3, 2023 ~ Morning Mingle Minutes

Denise McCarty, Ginni Murphy, John Dunn, Terri Kiedrowski, Joni Poli, David Janik, Teresa Gilles, Sherri Kamnikar, Audrey Costilow, Jeanette Hebb, Laura Malone, Austin Stull, Jen Cooper, Natalie Stiwald, Chris Durkin, Jeri Leigh Siss, Nick Hurst, Cookie McLoda, Larry Hikomo, Jeremy Watson, Judy Recknagel, Peggy Sinibaldi, Becky Denes, Laura Potter Sadowski, Rob Ellingson, Kelly Grespitch, Jennifer Giancaterino, Danielle Lowe, Bailey Gegin, Anne Hollohazy, Deb Jeffreys, Suzanne Dow, Mark Cawthon, Sandy Kaiser, Andrew Krieger, Holly Salata, Phil Thorne

President ~ Denise

- Call meeting to order and welcome to the Morning Mingle @ 9:06am
- Please help yourself to the goodies provided by Laura Malone of Community Foundation of Lorain County
- Go around the room and introduce
- Approve the minutes from May Morning Mingle ~ Teresa 1st, John 2nd. All in favor, motion passes.
- We are looking for more individuals that would like to join the team. Please see me after the meeting if you are interested. Thank you.

Executive Director ~ Teresa

- DORA News – Rules of the DORA were included in your Morning Mingle email reminder. Temporary signage is available for all business owners. See Teresa.
- Walkin' on Wednesday – July canceled early in order to notify vendors on time & police so as not to close streets for nothing. The August WOW is MAXED OUT. We will possibly offer a rain date if August also has to be canceled.
- Amherst Brochures – Brochures are almost gone. We will be updating them after the new year and most likely re-designing them by category (i.e., retail, doctor, dentist, insurance, etc.). Tentatively printing around February. Any suggestions, please see Teresa.
- Christmas Decoration – We need volunteers to help put new lights on wreaths when they arrive. Red spheres will no longer be used. Most went out.
- Total Solar Eclipse – April 8, 2024 – Meeting regarding the eclipse – let Teresa know if you want to be a part of meetings. The county is expecting 900,000 people. Next eclipse is in 2099. Amherst and Avon Lake are in direct path. MSA will support your events and will be ordering special glasses.
- Connect to a Cause – Laura Malone – Comparable to a telethon or Giving Tuesday. This year will take place on Thursday, September 21 from 8am – 8pm. Benefits Lorain County non-profits. So far, C2C has raised \$750,000. Teresa has set up Dine/Shop to Donate during August and September on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Amherst retailers and restaurants/taverns to raise funds for Main Street Amherst. All MSA board members will donate \$50 toward C2C. MSA C2C funds will be used for scholarships for Amherst High School and JVS students. Judy Recknagel is heading up the committee for MSA Connect to a Cause. Judy would like to know if each MSA member would put a box or can in your business to collect donations? Please see Judy or Teresa if you are willing.
- Basket Bingo – Tickets go on sale today at 11am.
- All Main Street Amherst event ticket sales will be sold **exclusively online** from now on. You may come in to the office, but you will still have to purchase online with us. It is too difficult to keep track of stock between online tickets and in-house tickets.



Special Projects ~ David

No report at this time

Promotional Chair ~ Joni

List of upcoming events

- Explorer's Club – Denise – Still available to complete until Friday, August 11 at noon.
- Walkin' on Wednesday – August 9 and Sept. 13
- Fall Basket Bingo Sunday, Oct. 1 – Tickets on sale Aug. 3 11am – We are still happy to take basket donations

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, Amherst Schools & AHS:

- Amherst Police ~ Chief Mark Cawthon - Canes Chicken opens next week. Expect more traffic. Cram the Cruiser will take place at Walkin' on Wednesday, August 9th and at the Library, Wednesday August 16th. School starts August 23rd – be aware of traffic, buses, and pedestrians.
- City Council – Gas lines on Sharondale in the next few weeks, also on Church Street from the Fire Station to The Mermaids Tale.
- Library ~ August 16th 4-7pm Pack the Backpack school supply drive, cash donations also accepted. Thank you to the 20 businesses participating the yearly Scavenger Hunt. See Becky for an August calendar.
- Historical Society ~ Murder Mystery Tickets are now available. AHS is also participating in Connect to a Cause if you would like to donate.
- LCCC ~ Fall enrollment now open. Classes start August 28th. Several Fast Track programs now available. Call 440-366-4775 for counselor help.
- Amherst Rotary – Meetings every Monday at Quarry Café at noon. Check out our garden in front of UH Amherst Hospital.
- Alzheimer's Assoc. ~ Walk to end Alzheimer's Sept. 9th at LCCC. Looking for sponsors and participants.

Next Morning Mingle will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2023

Adjournment ~ Teresa 1st, John 2nd. Meeting adjourned.