



### **Thursday, October 5, 2023 ~ Morning Mingle Agenda**

**John Brickle, Jeanette Webb, Beth Morales, Nouie Nodal, Terri Kiedrowski, Dave Janik, Francisco Bonilla, Deb Jeffries, Joni Poli, Melinda Jordan, Cherie Stempowski, Melenda Jordan, Matt Nahorn, Sherri Kamnikar, Teresa Gilles, Donna Templeton, Denise McCarty, Michael Ciu, Laura Malone, Jeri Leigh Siss, Jason Ryan, Jeff Lowman, Nathan Blossom, Ginni Murphy, John Brickel, Jeanette Hebb, Joe Szlempa, James Barnes, Austin Stull, Kelly Gropitch, Sarah Walker, Corrie Roark, Jennifer Wasilk, Carla Hartman, Jackie Roberts, Jennifer B., Marissa McCord, Jennifer Gonaterino, Lauren Hartman, Scott Nelson, Jacob Perez, Nick Hurst, Holy Salats, Becky Denes, Rob Ellrigson, Suzanne Dorr, Brenda Phillips, Mark Cawthon, Deb Jeffreys, Judy Recknagel.**

#### **President ~ Denise**

- Call meeting to order and welcome to the Morning Mingle @ 9AM.
- Prayer by Josh from Grow Point ~ called in for prayer.
- Please help yourself to the goodies provided by ~ O'Neil Tax Services.
- Go around the room and introduce.
- Approve the minutes from September Morning Mingle ~ Teresa & Joni, minutes approved.
- 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.

#### **Design ~ Terri**

- New Member Packets – asking for items and show new bags.

#### **Business Enhancement ~ Kristen**

- Connect to a Cause ~
  - Connect to a Cause total was \$2,280 with a match \$405.44, credit card fee \$1.71 + \$2,683.73. We received an additional 75% = \$2,012.89 with 25% going into our endowment, \$670.93.

#### **Organizational ~ Francisco**

- 2024 Membership Invoices will be mailed out in the beginning of November. Members may pay online.

#### **Promotional Chair ~ Joni**

List of events

- Walkin' on Wednesday Update ~ WOW was a successful event for MSA! Officer Perez stated the DORA is going well. Michael Ciu spoke w/participants for their feedback. They enjoy being able to use the DORA during events. (Thank you to Sherri's Dad, Mr. Thomas, for being MSA Handyman



& helping us be more efficient). Thank you also to Premier Toyota for their support & the Gator! Joni thanked Teresa & Sherri for their hard work to make WOW a success!

- Fall Basket Bingo Update – Thank you to the volunteers & board members for their hard work. For 2024, April 14<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Jennifer Larson & Tyson Foods for supplying the sandwiches. Meijer for chips and Kiedrowski Bakery for the amazing dessert!
- Witches Wednesday – Wednesday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. Judy Recknagel. Registration at 4pm. Preregistration is online at [www.mainstreetamherst.org](http://www.mainstreetamherst.org), and inside MSA Building. See the website for more information. For 2024, it will be hat decorating & full costume awards. Asking for donations so they can make 6 baskets for prizes. Please drop off by Monday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.
- Halloween Parade – Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – Michael Ciu. Name suggestions: “Monster March”, by Sherri Kamnikar! Starts at Sand Springs building to City Hall. Refreshments provided. Prizes for best costume. Judging 3:45-4pm. Then the Amherst Marching Comets will lead the parade. Pets are allowed. Thanks, Mike!
- Christmas Open House – (Make-up date for WOW too). Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>
- Shop Small Saturday – Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>
- Miracle on Main Street – Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>
- Jingle Bell Bus – Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Executive Director ~ Teresa**

- Xmas Decorations – need volunteers to help put lights on wreaths when they arrive. Please join us if you're able to help! Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30. Thank you!
- Total Solar Eclipse – April 8, 2024. Amherst is in the direct path of the Eclipse, weather permitting, at 3pm. Amherst Library will distribute glasses end of February 2024.

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: this is the official day of enforcement for texting & driving law. Beard fundraiser, Oct. 1-March 31<sup>st</sup>, fundraiser for scholarships at Amherst Schools. New gym equipment has arrived, through donations. Trick or Treat, be careful & aware of children going door to door. Please be safe.
- City Council: Jennifer Wasilk, Leaf pickup first part of November. Depending on weather & need. Reminder, Eclipse approximately at 3pm, for 4 minutes.
- Rotary~ Looking for new members, residents and/or business owners. Fundraisers throughout the year to give back to our community.
- Library ~ Calendars distributed or check their website at [www.amherstpubliclibrary.org](http://www.amherstpubliclibrary.org). It's Spanish Heritage Month!
- Amherst Schools ~ Homecoming week was successful, well attended! Gallery of Success, 9 inductees. Go to Comets Live Channel on Youtube. Tom Anderson, Issue 10 is a “renewal” to



build a new Bus garage, handrails for bleachers & fencing around the stadium track. Pickleball courts, tennis courts. It is necessary for our children's future.

- LC Metroparks ~ Jennifer, Issue 23, is a 10 year operating Levy. 4 million visitors annually in 28 parks. [www.proudofourparks.com](http://www.proudofourparks.com)
- Community Foundation ~ Laura Malone. Connect to a Cause was successful!
- October 28<sup>th</sup> ~ downtown businesses having Trick or Treat from 4-5pm!

Teresa motioned to adjourn, Joni 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:03am.

Next Morning Mingle will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2023 - Adjournment