



Thursday, April 4, 2024 ~ Morning Mingle Agenda:

Denise McCarty, Mike Eppley, Ginni Murphy, Cindy Manning, Joni Poli, David Janik, Francisco Bonilla, Deb Jeffreys, Terri Kiedrowski, Peggy Sinabaldi, Jennifer Denn, Dustin Gray, Tom Sekerak, Stephanie Thompson Pulters, Chris Durkin, Austin Stull, Melissa Porter, Nick Hurst, Lauren Hoffman, Michele Esper, Brandon Thimko, Jeri Leigh Siss, Laura Potter-Ladowski, Christina Wade, Rich Resendez, Stephan Zacharias, Matt Nahorn, Danielle Lowe, Suzanne Dorr, Tyler Perkins, Jeremy Watson, Elizabeth Fought, Cookie McLoda, Les Kreeger, Christina Meier, Nouie Nodal, Jean Ruth, Larissa Buriswill, Laura Malone, Michael Ciu, Tom Anderson, Eric Gregus, John Dunn, Audrey Costillow, Teresa Gilles, Mike Eppley, Nina Young, Deb Jeffreys, Elyse Nedrow, Donna Templeton.

President ~ Denise

- Call meeting to order and welcome to the Morning Mingle @ 9am.
- We are celebrating Audrey's Birthday today – please join me in signing happy birthday – Please help yourself to some cake – take a few minutes to give cake out.
- Prayer by Josh Smith (if in attendance).
- Go around the room and introduce.
- Approve the minutes from March Morning Mingle ~ 1st Teresa Gilles, 2nd Francisco Bonilla. Motion passes.
- Introduce Mike Eppley on the new staff member.

Promotional Chairs ~ Joni & Cindi

Joni - Sunday, April 7 - Basket Bingo – **Final committee meeting is today at 5pm** right here at MSA. Thank you to Buckeye Bank for sponsoring the tickets, Tyson Foods for the lunch, Kiedrowski's for the dessert, Meijer for the chips and the Eagles for supporting our event.

Teresa - Saturday, May 18 – Beautification Day 9am to 12pm – Do you know any groups that would like to help spruce up the downtown area? Please see me afterwards and I will give you a form to fill out or you can go online and fill out the form - www.mainstreetamherst.org. Thank you to Nordson Corp. for sponsoring this event.

Donna - Sunday, May 19 – Wine & Chocolate Walk – If you are a business owner and would like to participate, I will send around the form, or you may go on our website and fill it out. Members are free to participate, and it is \$78 for non-members – all businesses



members/non-members are required to pay a \$50 refundable deposit. Thank you to Doc Watson's Market for sponsoring the bags and Donna Templeton – Howard Hanna sponsoring the tickets. The next committee meeting will be held on May 2nd at 10am.

David & Kristen & Francisco – June 12, July 10, August 14 & Sept. 11 – Walkin' on Wednesday (WOW) – We had over 100 businesses/vendors participate last year, and we would love to have everyone back again this summer. I am passing around the form or you can go to the website as well. This is truly a great way to visit our historic downtown for an evening of entertainment, dining and shopping. Don't forget we have a car show as well on Church Street. If you have a vehicle that you want to show off, please sign up. We will be having a committee meeting on May 2nd after Morning Mingle.

MSA 50/50 Holly Jolly Cash ~ tickets will be available from June to December 2024. Available at MSA building and during Walking on Wednesdays!

Denise & Cindi – July 10 to August 14 - Kid's Explorer Club is a fun way to get people out explorer what we have to offer through our downtown with special activities. Our committee will be meeting TBD. See Denise or Cindi for details.

Organizational Chair & Economic Enhancement ~ Francisco & Kristen

- Our committee will be meeting on TBD, to discuss Amherst After Hours and Smart Start Workshops together.

Design ~ Terri

- I would like to welcome our new members today – please stand and re-introduce yourself and what your business name is and where it is located. Welcome bags were handed out.

Business Enhancement ~ Kristen

- I am sending around a calendar for the Main Street Lives. They are done on Wednesday's at 12:30pm and this is for our \$125 or higher members. This is a great way to promote your business as we have over 11,000 followers on our Facebook page.

Executive Director's Report ~ Teresa

- Main Street Amherst supports the Leo Club with their backpack program that feeds students within the Amherst schools. If you would like to sign-up to bring an item in May, please sign-up on the sheet being passed around.



- I'm Here Campaign ~ to promote National Small Business Week April 28 – May 4th. Please see Teresa for the signage & cards for your business.
- The July Morning Mingle is cancelled because it lands on July 4th this year.

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

- Alzheimer's Walk ~ September 7 at 9am at LCCC PE Building with a one- or three-mile walk. Teresa would like to see an Amherst Team walk at this event. There is a "Take Action Against Alzheimer's" meeting on May 23 from 5:30 to 6:30 at Railroad Brewing Company in Avon. There will be a presentation where you can learn how to volunteer with the association.
- Please join us, make a team or come with your friends & family.
- Amherst City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9th. Taxes due by April 15th. Regarding the new development off N. Dewey Rd, council will discuss at the next meeting.
- Amherst City ~ looking for lifeguards for the season. 15 years or older. Your lifeguard certification will be paid for by the city.
- LC Metro Parks ~ special events for the Eclipse. Concession stand will be open. See their website for details. Free glasses from Metro Parks.
- Amherst Historical Society ~ scholarships offered to students. Car show in June. See their website for more details.
- Quarterback Club ~ new fundraisers & promos for the season. Quarterback Sneak event on Saturday, August 15th, 12-5pm across from Steele High School. Meet at VFW Hall on Cleveland Ave to begin.
- Ohio Means Jobs ~ They currently have 19 job fairs in 2024. Next one will be on April 10th. Please see their website for details. Also, LC Chamber of Commerce will be having an event on April 9th at Amherst Restore Store, 5-7pm. Registration ends today. Shred Truck on April 27th at 9am at the Restore.
- Amherst Athletics ~ Over 27 T-ball teams for the 2024 season. Sponsorships are still available. See their website. Memorial Day Parade is Monday, May 27th.
- WNBA March Madness is this weekend in Cleveland!
- Doc Watson ~ 1-year anniversary party at Doc Watson's Market! Saturday, April 6, 11-3pm, come join the party.



- Jeri Leigh Sis ~ approximately 30% of people do not work with a financial planner. Call Jeri Leigh to work with your Favorite Financial Friend at Jankowski Services, 145 Park Ave.
- Studio Q ~ Michael Ciu, 135 Park Ave. Offered head shots for \$40 today after the meeting.
- Downtown Amherst Retails ~ spring open house, Friday ~ Sunday, April 5-7th. Stop in and support your local small businesses!
- LC.com ~ Dustin Gray, offers advertising through multiple portals. See Dustin for details.

Pull winner from business cards to win a \$10 gift card to ~ Melissa Porter. Congratulations!

Next Morning Mingle will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024. Adjournment @ 9:55am.