



Partners for Progress

11/13/19

The meeting was called to order by President Bill D'Angelo at 8:32 followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

June Webster, Patty Piper and Lisa Beardsley gave a presentation on "Be Well in Livingston", a program through the Genesee Valley Health Partnership. Its main goal is to promote opportunity to eat better, stress less and make better choices. The program works through the community, the school and at worksites. There is presently a program in Nunda and they are looking to begin a similar program in Mt. Morris. Bill D'Angelo, Greg Bump and Kathy Link will establish a subcommittee to work with the health department. They will determine a "Be Well Champion" member of the group to represent the community.

Karen Weidman suggested a motion be made to accept the minutes from the last meeting as posted on the website in lieu of reading them aloud. Chelsea Johns made the motion, seconded by Louise Wadsworth. Motion carried.

Kathy Link read the Treasurer's report in Frank Martello's absence. Karen Weidman made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Chelsea Johns. Motion carried.

Louise Wadsworth stated there was no new information. She reminded everyone the sign and façade applications can start on Jan 15, 2020 and can include such things as tree scapes, murals, lighting and more. They are being more flexible than before.

Nina Piccini stated they have been exploring the idea of trying to have the Genesee Valley designated as a national historic area. There has been a lot of traffic on "Explore Genesee Valley.com" with the Mount Morris mural being one of the most visited parts. LGV is hosting a "Get verified on Google" event on November 22 in conjunction with Adopt a Business to get people verified on Google. There will be various drop-in times for people to attend.

Bill D'Angelo there would be a River Watch forum, to identify waterway areas, taking place today at the government center.

Greg Bump indicated the school year has gotten off to a good start to year. On behalf of the Council on Arts: Artful Holidays will take place beginning Dec 6th thru 15th. There will be a holiday concert on Dec 14th at 2:00 PM in the county campus auditorium in conjunction with Christmas in Mt. Morris.

Katie Goodell reported the Livingston County historian was at the Mills Mansion on 11/12/19 to take pictures of people and displays. They are seeking a grant to verify they are originals. The holiday dinner will be held on December 7th and 8th. The mansion will be open for Christmas in Mount Morris and will

provide refreshments. On November 19th a class from school will be coming to learn how to do corn stalk decorations.

Kathy Link reported stated she applied to American Express as a “Neighborhood Champion Organization” for small business Saturday and we were approved to receive merchandising items. David Provo is going to erect a triangle tree at Main and Chapel instead of the previous artificial and real tree. Morris will be dressed for the holidays and ornaments will be hung. Anyone wishing to purchase an ornament can do so at Carvings and More.

Chelsea Johns indicated she has completed the information page for the mural and it has gone to the printers. A realtor’s type box will be mounted near the mural for the papers to go in.

Margaret Cullen Akins stated Rotary is working on Christmas in Mt. Morris. The United Church is doing a Nativity walk from 2PM-4PM for people to bring in any nativity sets they have to display.

New business – Boriken restaurant is now open. It received over 1000 likes over the weekend. It originated as part of the Dream o Vate contest. The Chamber of Commerce will be doing a ribbon cutting on Nov. 22nd. Echo in Time has been bought out and is now going to be Country Gentlemen Antiques.

Chamber of Commerce – Angela Grouse had a business roundtable to bring in some locals to see what they need and what the workforce is doing. A women’s summit was held at the Big Tree to help with stress, ownership, etc. They are now working on “Plan, Launch, Grow” with Economic Development. The first lunch and learn was at Mt. Morris school with the local plumber’s union presenting. Dream Wedding Expo will be held on Feb 23. The wedding map is done now for the county.

Chelsea Johns made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kathy Link. Meeting adjourned at 9:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Weidman

**The next meeting will be held at the Brick Inn on
December 11th.**