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Minutes of December 9th, 2009 - Laingsburg United Methodist Church

- Meeting called to order by President Eric Schuman at 8:05 a.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Introductions –
 - Sponsor of the month: Paul Ransom, Laingsburg Auto Parts.
 - New sponsors:
 - Feb. 2010 – City of Laingsburg.
 - March 2010 – Laingsburg Community Singers.
 - April 2010 – Laingsburg Independent.
 - May 2010 – Looking Glass Community Services.
 - June 2010 – McPhail Insurance Agency.
 - July 2010 – Laingsburg Cemetery Association.
 - Aug. 2010 – Schuman Photography.
 - Sept. 2010 – L.E.A.F.
 - Oct. 2010 – Subway.
 - Nov. 2010 – Laingsburg Community Schools.

- Dec. 2010 – Laingsburg Auto Parts
- Around town – United Nuclear possible move; LEAF reverse raffle Feb. 20 at Eagle Eye.
- Board action – Committee appointed for Cruise Night/Car Show; Website renewed.
- Old Business –
 - Winterfest Recap, Kevin M. – In general a big success, but need to address organization of ornament hunt, more inclusion of downtown merchants and possibly holding later in afternoon.
 - Unsung Hero/Businessperson of Year Nominations and Voting – Results will be announced at Jan.16 Annual Dinner Meeting.
 - LBA Board of Directors Voting – Kevin McPhail, Carrie Rathbun Hawks and Cathy Chubb elected to new four year terms.
- New Business – None.
- Program – None
- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Submitted by Ed Buskirk, secretary

Minutes of November 11th, 2009 - Laingsburg United Methodist Church

- Meeting called to order by President Schuman at 8:05 am.
- Pledge led by Karan Dean.
- Sponsor of Month –Community Singers. Winter concerts Dec. 12 & 13.
- Around Town – Burg Run a success. LEAF reverse raffle Feb. 20 – tickets \$200. Looking Glass Community Services fundraiser a success.
- Board Action – Discussed winterfest, farmers market, awards, board positions, cruise night, web hosting, and annual meeting.
- Old Business –
 - Farmers Market – Cathy Chubb – Change hours to 9 am to 1 pm. Lower prices to \$10/space & \$100/year. Start earlier to get more vendors.
 - Winterfest – Carrie Rathbun Hawks – Saturday 12/5 10 to 1. Horse route to start at St. Isidore, stop at ECEC. More participation from businesses. Official city Christmas tree to be planted. Music in businesses. Hat and mitten tree at Clothesline.

- Unsung Hero/Businessperson of Year – Nominations & voting at next meeting.
- Board Positions – 4 nominated for 3 openings: John Schlaack, Kevin McPhail, Karan Dean and Carrie Rathbun Hawks.
- New Business –
 - Cruise Night – Mayor Culpepper working with Hill family to move to Saturday.
 - Annual Meeting – Cathy Chubb will chair; at St. Isidore small hall Jan 16 or 23; LBA to supply meat; bring dish to pass; games, etc. 6 pm social; 7 pm dinner.
- Speaker – County Commissioner Henrietta Sparkes.
- Meeting Adjourned 8:45 am.

Ed Buskirk
Secretary

Minutes of October 14th, 2009 - Laingsburg United Methodist Church

- Meeting called to order at 8 a.m. by Vice-President John Carroll.
- Pledge and introductions.
- Sponsor of the Month – Randy Meder (Subway of Laingsburg)
- Around Town – LGCS spaghetti dinner fundraiser, Nov. 1; Stone Grill Pizza opening soon in former Mama Lee's building.
- Old Business –
 - Farmers Market – Carolyn Kirkby reported committee will meet later in the month to review vendor surveys.
 - Winterfest – Kevin McPhail reported it will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Dec. 5. Features include entertainment in businesses, music, 50-50 drawing, Santa in pavilion, mitten tree, LGCS house decorating contest, chili contest, horse drawn rides. The poker run has been eliminated.
 - Motion by Carolyn Kirkby to give \$300 to Winterfest Committee for misc. expenses. Approved
- New business -
 - Unsung hero/Businessperson of Year –

Businessperson of Year nominations next month.
A committee made up of Ed Buskirk, Karan Dean and Carolyn Kirkby and a community member to be named later will study future Unsung Hero nomination methods.

- Board positions – Kevin McPhail and Karan Dean's terms are up. It was reported that Dale Snider may want to step down. Ed Buskirk said he did not want to replace any board members without the board member requesting the same in writing. Tabled until next month
- Cruise night – Still under discussion.
- Program – Karan Dean discussed Citizen's Banks many programs.
- Adjourned at 9 a.m.

Submitted by Ed Buskirk, Secretary

Minutes of July 8th, 2009 - Laingsburg United Methodist Church

- Meeting called to order at 8: a.m. by President Eric Schuman.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Sponsor of the Month – The Laingsburg Independent.
- Around town – Flags will be going up for the Pancake Breakfast; New carpeting has been donated to the Clothesline.
- Board Action – Eric Shuman reported on last week's board meeting.
- Old Business –
 - Farmers' Market – Vendors will be asked to confine wares to locally grown.
 - Pancake Breakfast –
 - Business Expo – John Schlaack says 10 spaces are spoken for.
 - Entertainment – Tom Turek has organized a talent show. Carl Veith has come up with a pancake hat contest. Motion by Ed Buskirk, second by John Carroll for the LBA to pay the \$100 first prize.
 - Sponsors – Kevin McPhail has raised \$550 so far.
 - Raffle – Lions (John Carroll) will have

- drawings at 9, 10 & 11 a.m.
 - Car Show – Andrew Highland says everything is set to go.
 - Winterfest – Carrie Rathbun Hawks reminded everyone to take the survey.
- New Business –
 - Calendar – A calendar committee chair is needed.
 - Farmer's Market Ads – Vote to investigate purchasing radio ads.
- Shiawassee United Way President Retta Parsons was the speaker.
- Meeting adjourned at 9 a.m.

Submitted by Ed Buskirk, Secretary

Minutes of June 10th, 2009 - Laingsburg United Methodist Church

- Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m. by President Eric Schuman.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Sponsor of the Month – McPhail Insurance Agency.
- Around town – Granger phone book recycling; Tony Hornus movie to be filmed in Laingsburg in 2010; Jen and Ernie West were featured in LSJ.
- Board Action – Eric Shuman reported on last week's board meeting; calendar volunteers are needed.
- Old Business –
 - Farmers' Market – First week was a big success, with 7 vendors and approximately 300 shoppers. Vendors seemed happy.
 - Pancake Breakfast –
 - Business Expo – John Schlaack sending letter out that week.
 - Entertainment – Jen West has things well under control.
 - Sponsors – Kevin McPhail has raised \$400 so far.
 - Raffle – Lions (John Carroll) will have drawings at 9, 10 & 11 a.m..
 - Aprons – Looking Glass River Sportsman's Club thanked for donation.
- New Business –
 - Calendar – A calendar committee chair is needed.

- Victor Township Supervisor Warren Malkin was the guest speaker.
- Meeting adjourned at 9 a.m.

Submitted by Ed Buskirk, Secretary

Minutes of May 13th, 2009 - Laingsburg United Methodist Church

- Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m. by President Eric Schuman.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Sponsor of the Month – Rathbun Public Relations.
- Around town–
 - The Clothesline has been paid off by the Jeleneks and donated to the 501c3
 - Library grant decision should be known in early June..
- Board Action – Eric Shuman reported on last week’s board meeting.
- Old Business –
 - Farmers’ Market – All set for opening on June 6. 6 to 12 vendors expected. Advertising and insurance has been taken care of.
 - Pancake Breakfast –
 - Business Expo – John Schlaack agreed to oversee and recruit.
 - Entertainment – Jen West has retained Carl and Tom and is looking for entertainers.
 - Sponsors – Kevin McPhail will contact prospective sponsors.
 - Raffle – John Carroll (Lions) will handle and provide a sign with winners.
 - Aprons – Looking Glass River Sportsman’s Club to donate.
- New Business–
 - It was voted to continue \$100 donation to Friends of Sleepy Hollow.
- Program: Laingsburg Mayor Mike Culpepper spoke on the city’s plans for the future.
- Meeting adjourned at 9 a.m.

Submitted by Ed Buskirk, Secretary

Minutes of March 11th, 2009 - Laingsburg United Methodist Church

- Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m. by President Eric Schuman.
- Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Carolyn Kirkby.
- Sponsor of the Month – Spirit Expression Dance Studio, Jen West.
- Around town – Kevin McPhail presented idea of putting ACOV flags back up on holidays, etc., with the help of various community groups.
- Board Action – Eric Shuman reported on last week's board meeting.
- Business – Event Discussion –
 - Hat & Cane – it was decided to continue the program as opportunities present themselves.
 - Springfest Float – It was decided to skip it this year but keep in mind in future.
 - Newsletter – We will start selling newsletter ads per a board decision. We will also consider printing copies of the newsletter for mailing and pickup to increase circulation.
 - Pancake Breakfast – Gary Bendall reported he could use some help finding volunteers and procuring entertainment. Jen West offered to arrange entertainment.
 - Community Calendar – Volunteers are needed. We hope to start selling ads in July.
 - Farmer's Market – Committee is making plans.
 - Arts & Crafts Fair – It was decided to incorporate arts and crafts vendors into the Pancake Breakfast and Farmers' Market.
 - Winterfest – Committee chair Kevin McPhail reported his committee has met and a lot of good ideas were proposed, including moving the event to Saturday, including arts and crafts, food vendors, flea market, decorating contests, free movies, etc. The committee will continue to meet.
 - Website calendar – Eric reported the online calendar is back up and members can post items.
- Meeting adjourned at 9 a.m.

Submitted by Ed Buskirk, Secretary

Minutes of February 11th, 2009 - Laingsburg United Methodist Church

- Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m. by President Eric Schuman.
- Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Eric.
- Sponsor of the Month – Laingsburg Auto Parts, Paul Ransom. (Upcoming sponsors – March, Spirit Expressions; April, Schuman Photography; May, Rathbun Public Relations; June, McPhail Insurance; July, Laingsburg Independent; August, Clothesline; Sept., Shiawassee Chamber; Oct., Subway; Nov., Community Singers; Dec., Laingsburg Auto Parts.)
- Around town – Bag sales back at the Clothesline.
- Board Action – Eric Shuman reported on last week's board meeting.
- Old Business –
 - Boys Scouts 100th Anniversary Update – Kevin McPhail reported on the recently completed event, which was deemed to be a big success.)
 - Winterfest – Turnout was very poor at this year's event. Extreme cold played a role, but some wondered if Winterfest might have run its course. A committee, headed by Kevin McPhail, was appointed to study the future of Winterfest, including possible changes. Other committee members include John Carroll, Cathy Chubb, Carrie Rathbun Hawks and Mike Culpepper.
 - The Community Singers made a donation of \$100 to the LBA in return for being allowed to use the LBA license for their quilt raffle.
- New Business -
 - The following officers were elected by the board: President Eric Schuman, Vice-President John Carroll, Secretary Ed Buskirk, Treasurer Carolyn Kirkby.
 - Motion by John Carroll to purchase U.S. flag. Approved.
 - Dues statements are out. Must be paid by March 31 to be included in the directory.
 - The possibility of having a Springtime Festival float was raised. Tabled until next month.
 - It was decided to NOT extend the Member Discounts program to non-members.

- Pancake Breakfast discussion – Will continue next month.
- Speaker – Carrie Rathbun Hawks discussed the public relations business.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Submitted by Ed Buskirk, Secretary

**Minutes of January 17th, 2009 - St. Isidore's Catholic Church
(Annual Meeting)**

- Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Eric Schuman
- Recess for dinner. Prayer by Andrew Highland.
- Reconvene for business at 7:40 p.m.
- No additions to agenda.
- Treasurer's report. We had 91 members at the end of 2008.
- President's Report: President Eric Schuman urged members to sell the LBA to others and to try to encourage more community involvement. The Pancake Breakfast had near record crowds, while Winterfest crowds were down, perhaps due to the weather or perhaps the celebration needs retooling.
- Awards – President Schuman presented Businessperson of the Year award to Randy Meder (not present) and the Unsung Hero of the Year award to Tom Turek. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Cathy Chubb and Ed Buskirk.
- Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Ed Buskirk, Secretary