

MCCA Membership Meeting  
Wednesday, January 10, 2018  
WI Maritime Museum

Attendance:

Gary Stolp, Subway, Pat Mecca, Grape Grain & Bean, Rick Couron, Hearty Olive,  
Peter Wills, Progress Lakeshore, Amber Daus, Grow It Forward, Cathy Karl, Heart & Homestead  
Donna Sowinski, Custom Health Pharmacy, Karen Duvalle, WI Maritime Museum  
Jeff Dvorachek, Hawkins Ash CPA,LLP, Tim Gadzinski, Manitowoc Public Library

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Vice-Chair. Gary Stolp

**Krazy Daze:** After discussion it was determined that an online survey to be sent to the membership for input on the event. Discussing the day/days the event will be held & location. After the results of the survey are compiled a committee will be organized to plan the event.

**Ideas For Next Downtown Event:** Suggestions: Local Restaurant Tasting, Beer/ Wine Walk. A committee will be developed to discuss these topics further.

**Flower Planting Committee:** V. Seehaver, B. Timm & P. Mecca met with the local planter designer Brandon Gauthier. He will make a paper model of the suggested planters for the February board meeting. Planning to have planters available for spring in time for Memorial Day.

**Nominations:** The board will be looking to members willing to be nominated to the Downtown Board of Directors. Expiring terms will be Brian Gilbert & Pat Mecca. Karen Nichols will take a 3 year term in place of Randy Lueptow who has resigned. Bonnie Timm will fill Karen Nichols 1 year term. There were no members present willing to be added to the list of nominees. Election to be held at the May membership meeting.

**City of Manitowoc:** Downtown Manitowoc Master Plan – Public Workshop #2  
Thursday, January 18th, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum.

**Progress Lakeshore:** P. Wills discussed the positive things going on in Manitowoc County. The community is encouraged to share this positive outlook with outsiders. Strategic Planning sessions will be held with some public input. 42% of Manitowoc's population, drive to other counties to work. Manitowoc has 3,000 job openings at the current time. Building permits in the county have doubled in 2016-2017.

**Chamber:** No Report

**MAVCB:** No Report

**New Business:**

**Grow It Forward:** A. Daug reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of June, July & Aug will hold a night market with bands. The vendor fees for Subfest will be \$100/Retail & \$200/Food. There is discussion of an increase in Farmer Market fees this season. Current rate is \$100 per stall per season with the increase to \$300-\$350. Currently there are 100 stalls in the market area on Quay. This increase and new events will help to offset the deficit the market currently is experiencing.

**Ice on 8<sup>th</sup>:** Event date Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. All the ice blocks (25) have been sponsored. To be delivered Fri, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Balloon Glow:** Committee to plant spring flowers.

**Garden Fair:** June 2018 to be held in Washington Park. There will be a new contact due to the passing of the previous organizer. A. Daug to make contact for further information.

**St. Patrick Parade:** The Irish Fellowship Committee will be celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this Irish Event. Parade to be held Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Downtown Manitowoc will be a sponsor.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. Location to be announced.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**Pat Mecca Treasurer**