



Mayors' Partnership for Progress

January 10, 2019

Ohio University Inn and Conference Center

Athens, Ohio

Member Attendees:

Gary Goosman
Joe Matthews
Mike Lorentz
Kim Wortman
Fred Redfern
Luke Feeney
Steve Patterson
Greg Fraunfelter
Jeff Gaskin
Jim Ullman
Steve Weber
Tom Johnson

Mayor of Amesville
Mayor of Marietta
Mayor of Belpre
Mayor of McArthur
Mayor of Crooksville
Mayor of Chillicothe
Mayor of Athens
Mayor of Logan
Mayor of South Point
Mayor of Beverly
Mayor of Lowell
Mayor of Somerset

Representative Attendees:

Jack Frech
Randy Lambert
Fred Vogel
Tom Caldwell
Glenda Bumgarner
Ren'ee Rector-Brown
Ray Foeller

VISTA Volunteer
VISTA Volunteer
Ohio Department of Transportation
SSUF
JobsOhio
Representative Johnson
Ohio Consumers' Counsel

Voinovich School:

Amista Lipot

Voinovich School

SUMMARY

Call to Order

Mayor Goosman called the meeting to order.

Financial Report

- Mayor Lorentz reports that there is \$2,328.47 in the account and the MPP received \$25.00 from the Village of Vinton for membership dues.
- Mayor Patterson motioned to approve account balance.
- Mayor Feeney seconded.
- Motion approved.

Old Business

- Mayor Matthews motioned to approve December minutes.
- Mayor Patterson seconded.
- Minutes approved.

The Voinovich School honors tutorial student Maggie Wolf has been working on updating the MPP website. Minutes, newsletter, annual report and other items can be located there. She is also updating contact information as she finds it and rearranging the village/city contact information to be organized by county first. There are as many as 638 unique visitors to the site on a weekly basis.

Mayor Goosman will also send out a new invite for the private social media (facebook) site to all members.

The MPP has submitted the VISTA renewals for next year and should hear something by February or March.

New Business

In 2019, there are three confirmed off-site meetings at this time. One meeting in Jackson on September 12th, a second meeting in Marietta on May 9th, and the third is the Legislative Advocacy Day on March 14, 2019. A fourth possible off-site meeting would be on July 11, 2019. We have not had success in determining a date. South Point proposed that they may be interested in hosting the group in July. Amista will discuss with the Mayor of South Point to determine if this can be finalized.

Discussion

- The 2018 position paper was discussed at length so that it can be updated to reflect the groups thoughts for 2019.
- It was also important to note that the positions on the 2018 paper were not necessarily in order of importance, rather simply listed.
- There was much discussion around CBDG dollars (Community Block Development Grant program). The concept of CBDG dollars being allocated/awarded annually again instead of bi-annually was a topic, as well as, the fact that municipalities need flexible state dollars to work with. Mayor Johnson agreed to draft a position on CBDG dollars for consideration for the 2019 paper.
- The group discussed the Ohio Municipal League and Ohio Mayors Alliance and how to collaborate with them more moving forward. An adhoc committee agreed to reach out to OMA and explore opportunities to partner and enable the voices to be heard. Mayors Fraunfelter, Feeney, Patterson, and Johnson all agreed to serve and have something for the group to discuss at the February meeting. Mayor Goosman will convene the group.
- The March MPP meeting will be on March 14th at the Ohio Jobs office which is at 41 S. High S. High Street. Since that is a day they are not scheduled to be in session individuals will reach out to their respective legislators and inquire as to if they commit to come from 1:00 – 2:00 on the 14th.

Mayor Fraunfelter motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Gaskin seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Next Meeting:

- ***Mayors' Partnership for Progress
Lunch and Meeting: 12:00
Thursday, February 14, 2019
Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens, OH***