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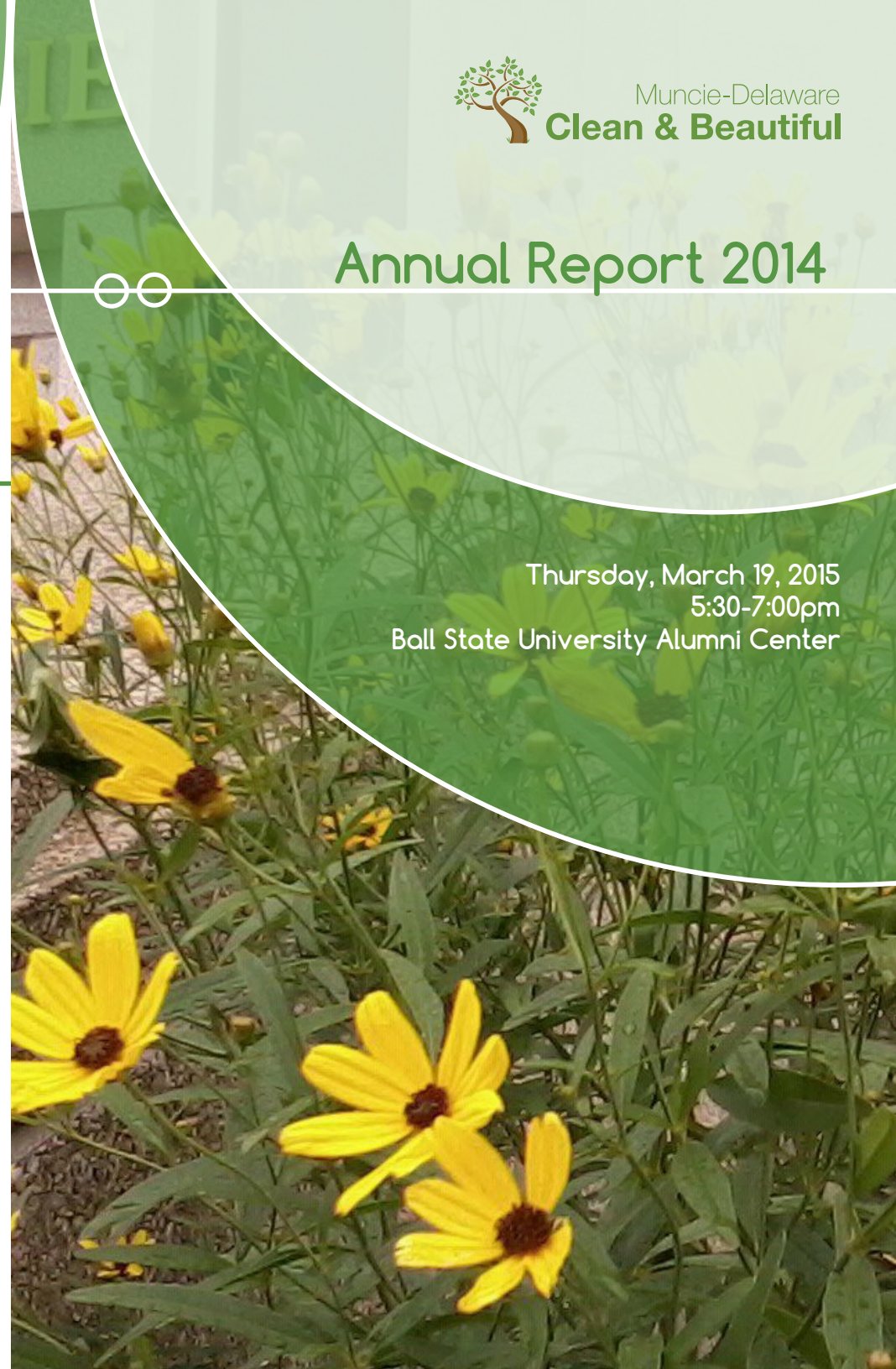
Muncie-Delaware
Clean & Beautiful

Annual Report 2014

Thursday, March 19, 2015
5:30-7:00pm
Ball State University Alumni Center



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2014 Annual Meeting Agenda

Planning for a Sustainable Future

5:30-6:00pm

Reception

Election of Officers, Officer Board Slate:

- President - Dustin Stillinger
- Vice President - Augusta Wray
- Treasurer - Michelle Jent
- Secretary - Melinda Messineo

6:00-7:00pm

Program

1. Opening - Mayor Dennis Tyler
2. Building Better Communities & Neighborhoods Update - Heather Williams
3. MDCB Programs & Strategic Plan Update
4. Oscars Awards Presentation
 - Above and Beyond Award
 - Adopt-a-Block Award
 - Most Improved Adopted Median
 - Most Outstanding Volunteer Organization Award
 - Outstanding Business Property Award
 - Outstanding Private/Residential Award
 - Most Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award
5. Closing Remarks

President-Elect's Letter

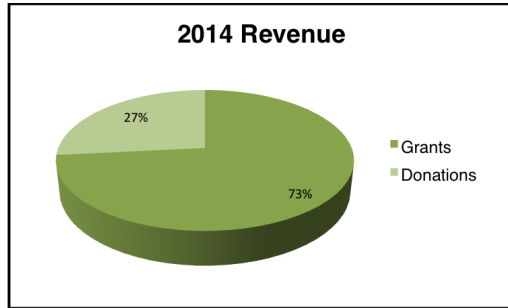
Dustin Stillinger, President-Elect

It is certainly with great pleasure that I take on the role of president for Muncie Delaware Clean and Beautiful, but I'll be honest it has also come with a bit of anxiety as well. Really when I think about it, why shouldn't I be a bit nervous? When you consider all the hard work and time that has been put into MDCB by the leaders and doers of the past, the president position and the organization deserve someone that can be a proper steward of what has been achieved. No pressure, right?

Thankfully, I know it isn't all up to me. When I sit in the board meetings and look around at the talent of the dedicated and passionate people who make up the board, I realize what great hands MDCB is in. When you consider this, plus the willingness of many in our community to support MDCB financially and with their valuable time (hopefully more as the year goes on), it is easy for me to say that I'm excited for the future and what success it will bring.

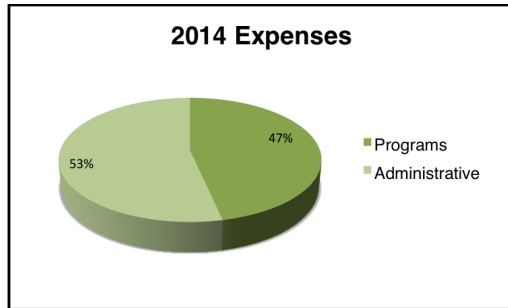
I also want to say **THANK YOU!!!** to Jason. He has provided great leadership throughout the last 5 years as president of MDCB. MDCB has a bright future and is in a position to achieve the sustainability that the organization needs, so it can continue to play its important role in the community. Considering where we were not that long ago, Jason's contributions cannot be overstated. I know the board and I appreciate Jason's work and are very glad he is sticking around.

So here's to 2015 and all the great things achieved, and yet to come, from MDCB. Here's to all the hard work, dollars, and time that so many are willing to give that makes it possible!



2014 Revenue

Grants	\$10,000
Donations	<u>\$ 3,624</u>
	<u>\$13,624</u>



2014 Expenses

Programs	\$9,224
Administrative	<u>\$10,583</u>
	<u>\$19,807</u>

Financial Position

Beginning Cash	\$29,534
Revenue	\$13,624
Expenses	<u>\$19,807</u>
Ending Cash	<u>\$23,351</u>

While writing this summary, which has become an annual ritual for me, I have to admit that this year it is somewhat bittersweet. I reflect back on my first meeting with MDCB back in 2010, where I was invited to attend a board meeting and encouraged to consider joining the board. I had just moved back to my hometown of Muncie, after living many years in Buffalo, NY. My first meeting was poorly attended, and the discussion at the forefront of the agenda was, "Should MDCB continue as an organization?" Our bank account was empty, we no longer had an employee, and many board members had put in their resignation. I was a little thrown off by the disinterest to continue from the existing board, but deep down I knew there was a purpose and reason that MDCB should carry on through this hurdle.

Reflecting back on the past five years of serving as President, I am reminded of the challenges, long hours, relentless enthusiasm, and long list of accomplishments our organization has been able to achieve through amazing, dedicated and courageous board members, staff, volunteers, and members. We are currently leading in many efforts to beautify and enhance the city and community we all love through continuous community cleanups, to vacant lot community gardening, to protecting our most precious natural resource, the White River.

None of this would be at all possible without the support of some amazing foundations that have always supported our mission and work. These include the Ball Brothers Foundation, The Shafer Foundation, the Muncie Sanitary District, the City of Muncie, the Sherman and Majoire Ziegler Foundation, and other local businesses and members.

As we continue to work on our strengths and weaknesses, we are moving closer to a well thought out strategic plan that will enhance and define our mission in the community. This is all being done with help from Ball State Students through in-kind support.

As I step down this year from the President position, I will continue to serve on the board and be able to focus on

President's Letter (con't)

some of the programs I am most passionate about. I look forward to working with the new and upcoming leadership that Dustin Stillinger and Augusta Wray will bring to the organization, and I am confident they will take us to new levels of sustainability and higher achievements.

2015 is sure to bring some great accomplishments and new collaborations that will help us sustain our future as we are guided by a new strategy into a brighter future for our organization and community.

Won't you please join us!

2014 Business Partners

Walnut Level

Stormwater Management
Muncie Sanitary District
Ball Brothers Foundation
Shafer Foundation
PrimeTrust Financial

Oak Level

Zeigler Foundation

Maple Level

Tylonius Design

Poplar Level

Johnny Carino's of Muncie

Redbud Level

GO CU of Muncie
Rebekah Hanna, Realtor

Sassafras Level

The Caffeinery
Refresh Muncie
Patricia Schaefer Trust
Sensible Ecology, LLC

Individual Members

Sprout

Kelli Huth
Suzanne Clem

Leaf

Sherry Riggin
Michelle Jent
Jason Donati and Family

Branch

Melinda Messineo
Pete and Jen Lembo

Annie Poole



Annie has been proud to serve as a MDCB board member since 2005, and she finds the grassroots projects along with major beautification and cleanup events rewarding and fun. She has worked on the White River Cleanup since its inception, and has contributed to many of MDCB's major events. "I am a Master Gardener and enjoy working in my yard and working with neighbors to plant and beautify in our historic neighborhood," says Annie, who is President of the East Central Neighborhood Association. Annie has been in the housing industry for over 30 years and is a housing developer with the non-profit organization, PathStone.

Lisa Dunaway
Adopt-a-Block Chair



A native of Oxford, Ohio, Lisa is an Instructor of Urban Planning at Ball State University and owns Sensible Ecology, LLC. She has a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree from Ball State University and a Master of Science in Natural Resources degree, with a specialization in Ecological Planning, from the University of Vermont. Lisa is also a Certified Planner with the American Institute of Certified Planners and a LEED Accredited Professional. She lives with her boyfriend Kyle and their four companion animals.

Board of Directors (con't)

Augusta Wray
Vice President-Elect, Grants Chair



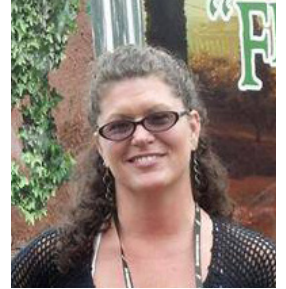
Augusta Wray has served on the Board for three years. She works as a Proposal Manager in Sponsored Projects Administration at Ball State. Wray holds an MS in information and Communication Sciences and MA in Sociology. Augusta is passionate about the environment and volunteering in the Muncie community. In her spare time she enjoys cycling, kayaking, gardening, and warm weather. Wray currently resides in Muncie with her fiancée, Daniel, and their six beautiful cats.

Melinda Messineo, PhD
Secretary, Marketing/Press Release Chair



Melinda Messineo is Chairperson and associate professor of sociology at Ball State University. Messineo has received four teaching awards at her current institution and one from the North Central Sociological Association. She currently serves as Director of the Freshman Connections Program, an award winning living and learning community program targeting first year students. This program works with Muncie-Delaware Clean & Beautiful each year on the White River Cleanup as part of its community service and sustainability objectives. Melinda is a California native and loves running, riding and roller-blading on the trails of our community.

Michelle Jent
Treasurer



Michelle joined MDCB in December 2009 as Treasurer. She is a Ball State University graduate with a B.A. in accounting with 11 years of experience in public accounting and currently employed at Red Gold. Michelle is a native of Muncie and enjoys participating in many community events and volunteering as much as possible. Hanging with her adult children brings her joy and in their absence her furry babies keep her company. During her free time, she enjoys being with her beau Jim, camping, kayaking, wine, a good book and anything in the great outdoors.

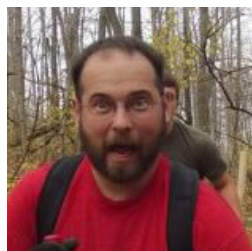
James Dalton



James joined our board in 2009 because of his concern for the local environment. He networks with various organizations throughout Delaware County and is committed to telling the MDCB story to many of these groups as well as individuals. James has spent more than 30 years in the printing industry and is the past owner of INK Solution of Muncie. James is currently the Director of Customer Relations for Damage Doctors of Muncie. He is married to Diane (Ray) Dalton and has 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

Board of Directors (con't)

Chris Daniel
Downtown Cleanup Chair



Chris joined MDCB in January of 2012. He is a graduate of Ball State with a B. S. in Wildlife and Conservation Biology. Although Chris is a Muncie native, he spent much of his childhood wandering the hills of Southern Indiana. In his free time Chris enjoys biking, bird watching, and spending time in the great outdoors.

Rebekah Hanna



Rebekah lives in Muncie with her husband, Lucas, and their two children. Rebekah is a Realtor at REMAX in Muncie. Originally from the Philadelphia area, Rebekah and her husband moved to Muncie in 2002 upon graduation from Taylor University. Rebekah has been on the board since 2010 and has a passion to help others in this community and make Muncie a better place to live. Rebekah and her husband Lucas are also the owners of Refresh Muncie LLC, a local furniture and home décor store in Downtown Muncie.

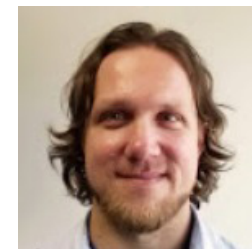
Ty Morton



Ty Morton is the man behind the curtain at Tylonius Studios, a full-service graphic and web design agency. In his spare time, he enjoys cooking, organic vegetable gardening, and craft beer (you might notice a pattern there). Ty has been a long-time community advocate and volunteer, and is proud to be part of the MDCB board.

Board of Directors

Jason Donati
President



Jason is the Stormwater/Recycling Educator for the Muncie Sanitary District. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Roy C. Buley Center, the White River Alliance, the Cardinal Greenway, and is President of the Muncie Urban Forestry Committee. Jason is an AmeriCorps Alumni, serving two years and most recently in Buffalo, New York where he helped create a youth urban farming program. Jason lives in downtown Muncie with his family; Sasha, Deshawn, Destiny, Levi and soon to be baby Donati.

Dustin Stillinger
Vice President, President-Elect, Adopt-a-Median Chair



A graduate of Ball State University Dustin Stillinger is the Horticulture Manager at Minnetrista overseeing 21 acres of ornamental gardens and natural areas. Dustin has served on the Board of Directors of MDCB for 3 years and chairs the Median Adoption Program. In his spare time he spends as much time outdoors as possible gardening, hiking, or just relaxing in a comfy spot under a shade tree. He hopes that someday everyone will appreciate the beauty and importance of our collective outdoors and do whatever it needs to keep it beautiful, clean and healthy.