

DDMO FEB 3, 2026 MEETING NOTES

Below please find the 2026 committee members for the DDMO:

- Theresa Ratner
- David Kriete
- William Robins
- Chris Cotty
- Margaret Lockwood
- Jeff Roscoe
- Michael Isoldi
- Leidy Rodriguez

Potential new committee members - Vinnie DiMura, Diana Galvez, and Louis Nicanord

Meeting called to order at 6:32

Attendance - Bill Robbins, Teresa Ratner, Chris Cotty, Trina, Cole, Peg

Officer elections - Roles/Responsibilities for officer elections for 2026 -
Chair, Vice, Secretary, Treasurer - no quorum so we will move to the next meeting

May 3 - Spring into Wellness - focused on health, wellness merchants in town.
Coincides with the first day of the open-air market - will start inviting businesses to participate/perform

Karl's Custom Car Show - May 3 status of permits and we will need sponsorships. We have no rain date yet, so Derryck can't request permits without a rain date.

It will be held on a Sunday, and we will close Rt 28 from Madison to Washington. Rain Date cannot be the following week because it is Mother's Day. Last year's car show was rained out, so we had to return sponsorship checks. Will need assistance in finding additional sponsors for this year. Last year we had The Break, Weathertech, Blue Foundry, Maggie's. Deli Cream and Auto Glass were suggested. Cole agreed to help with sponsorship requests.

Beautification - new hanging baskets, planters for this season - Derryck, please confirm the number of planter hanging baskets and planters, so we can order plants.

Dr. Lee Best - would like to address DDMO to discuss potential opportunities for scholarships - committee was concerned that we don't have enough committee members to help solicit scholarships for the High School, and we only have 3 businesses on the committee.

250th Anniversary of our country - discussed several ideas, such as hiring a carnival for the day, the REMAX big balloon at Columbia Park, and a dunk tank. Cole will follow up on pricing for the dunk tank and also on the REMAX balloon. Chris Cotty provided names of carnival contacts.

Unity Day - unsure if we will schedule for this year, pending with Teresa Albertson.

Harvest fest - October 11. Need to transition of marketing, mail lists, etc., - spreadsheets/attendees have moved from Heidi to Peg and Cole, so we will need to start the "Early bird special" process.

Any new businesses for grand openings/ribbon cuttings? follow up with Derryck/Billy to find out if they have a date for Monmouth Museum grand opening.

Calendar of DDMO annual events was attached to the invitation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04