



ORWELL-GV CHAMBER MEETING

April 20th 2012 7:30 am

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The April meeting of the Orwell Chamber was called to order by VP Gwen Biennas at 7:30 am. The Pledge was recited and an open prayer offered for all. The minutes from the March meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Sutliff, second by Mrs. Hunter, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. – Mr. Mitchell was not able to attend but from the report current income received was \$724.13 which included Orwell portion of the Home Show profits and \$100.00 from membership. Expenses totaled \$546.78. The large expenses item was our insurance premium of \$500.00. Total current balances \$18,313.37 Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Mrs Ulman, seconded by Mrs. Stormer-Vaux motion carried.

We currently have 43 paid memberships.

Committee Reports – The Constitution amendments were discussed by Mrs. Ulman Including that the fiscal year and dues run from Jan. 1st to Dec.31st. Also the old Constitution did not address filling a vacant office. Other items were basically housekeeping.

The Constitution will have a second read and vote for approval at the May meeting.

Steak Fry – Mrs. Biennas clarified that what she is planning on having is a community event for an area resident. She will be seeking support and help from St. Mary and other churches, the Chamber and individual businesses, Ruritans, Boy Scouts, High School students, and area Fire Dept. Any group can be involved. After discussion, this event will move forward and the Chamber is offering support for this event. It is not sponsored solely by Chamber although individual Chamber members may be involved on the committee. Mrs. Biennas had notified me that THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED AT THIS TIME.

Festival Committee – Currently there is only a skeletal committee. WE NEED HELP. An organizational committee will meet Tuesday April 24th at 5:00 in the Key Bank conference room. Currently, Kaufman Tires, the ride company, fireworks, and advertising are parts of the discussion. It was suggested we divide up the membership and contact people to see if they can assist on any portion of the festival agenda. The Ruritans and Chip Yox have also shown support.

County Chamber – Mr. Hunter reported that a check was turned in to Mr. Mitchell for Orwell-GV portion of the Home Show profits. He also explained the County Chamber has over \$16,000.00 in its account. Discussion was held as to what that money will be used for, it is not all needed as start up money for next year's Home Show so another meeting has been set to determine if the County Chamber will be doing some other major event or if that money will be giving to the local Chambers.

Web Site – Mrs. Ulman reported that she is getting frustrated with the fact that nothing has happened with the old web site getting linked to the new web site. She would like to set a timetable for Shaun to have this taken care of but believes we may need to go a different direction.

Farmer's Market - Mr. Sutliff reported a farmer with produce and the egg person are on board and they hope to have produce by June. The dates and the sign is still a work in progress. We are looking at having the Farmer's market around the Music in the Park on Wednesday evenings and going from there.

Orwell Village Report: Mr. Nettis has the music set for the Concerts in the Park starting June 20th. See the attached mailing for details. Economic development is still looking at the Bike trail as a source of people coming into the village. On May 5th there will be a meeting of Trail supports at the Village Hall. Call if you would like more details of that meeting.

Urban Growers is a new seasonal business setting up by the Drug store. Stop by as you see progress. That site was discussed as the site were the Ruritan's used to hold their flower sales fundraiser.

With the Concerts in the Park, Mr. Nettis also stated that the Village is looking for sponsors for that event and currently the banks are stepping up to assist with that event.

New Business - A motion was made that the Chamber also show support for the Concerts in the park as a Platinum Sponsor, that would be \$1000.00 toward this event. Motion made by Mrs. Stormer-Vaux, seconded by Pat Hunter, motion carried. This will also allow businesses to have their signs placed in the yard around the park as promotion for the music and for their business. Mr. Sutliff brought up a request being made by Ashley and Austin Limestall who are each attending Young Marine camps this summer. Ashley will be attending the Space Camp and Austin will be attending the Leadership Camp. A motion was made and seconded to support Ashley and Austin with a \$25.00 sponsorship toward their expenses. After discussion the motion was passed.

Mrs. Stormer-Vaux talked with Kelly Creed concerning an ad in the Valley News once a month promoting the Chamber the cost would be \$100.00 per month. It was stated that Gazette Printing also prints the Advertising program for the festival so we will continue to have discussion on this possibility.

Business Reports: The Library has a new website and Twitter account , etc. and they are holding a Logo Contest for all Library Card holders. Design the new Logo for the Library. The Conversation Station has one more breakfast they will be doing on May 19th and are also currently doing the Little Ceasar's Pizza Kit fundraising event. Anyone wanting to support the CS can call in an order before April 27th at 437-5442. Gwen's Catering will be catering the Rome Alumni this year on June 9th as well as other events. Huntington Bank is seeing a good increase in loans being made. As summer approaches we hope that will continue for businesses. The rates are very good. WRD, Ed says he is very busy! That's a good thing. Hearing no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Attendance: Ed Sutliff - Western Reserve Drafting, Carole Stormer-Vaux - Re/Max Reality
Carol Palesh - Huntington Bank Pat & Gary Hunter – Conversation Station
Shirley Ulman - J & S Heating Andrew Davis – GV Library
Gwen Biennas - Gwen's Catering Jack Nettis - Orwell Village