



Orwell – Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce ----- April 30, 2013 ----- Minutes

The Orwell – Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce met for our regular monthly meeting at the Orwell Village Offices at 179 W. Main, Orwell, OH at 5:30 pm.

Members in attendance were Bob Denihan of B& S Publishing; Ed Sutliff of Western Reserve Drafting LLC; Nancy Reider of Who? What? When? Where?; Diana Ristimaki; Andrew Davis and Dan Tanner of Grand Valley Public Library; Julie Mordosovich of Orwell Village Council; Gwen Biennas of Gwen's Catering; Kevin Mitchell of Middlefield Bank; Stuart Walker of Davis True Value; Kevin Mitchell of Middlefield Bank; and Jack Nettis of Orwell Village.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Nancy Reider. She led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jack Nettis offered a prayer.

A motion was made by Gwen Biennas to accept the minutes from the March meeting as emailed; Kevin Mitchell seconded; passed.

A motion was made by Diana Ristimaki to accept the treasurer's report; Andrew Davis seconded; passed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Orwell Village – Jack Nettis reported

- 1 -- Banners will be placed on light poles in the village. These will herald Orwell as the business hub southwest Ashtabula County.
- 2 – Races are set for May 11 sponsored by Country Neighbor and the village. Over 100 runners have registered.
- 3 – Memorial Day – before the parade a breakfast is planned at OVFD by the First Responders Auxiliary
- 4 – A “revitalization grant” supporting the village, Country Neighbor, and the library is available. Community questions and input is required. Meeting dates are May 9, 2013 @ 7:00 pm at the library; May 14 @ 5:00 pm at the Village Office Complex; and May 22, 2013 @ 11:00 am at Country Neighbor. All village residents are encouraged to attend one (1) of these.
- 5 – Concerts in the Park – Seven (7) Wednesday evening concerts are planned starting June 19, 2013

Festival – Diana Ristimaki reported a committee meeting – May 1 @ 6 pm.

Circus – Diana Ristimaki reported she met with Orwell Police to arrange security. May 9, 2013 – telemarketers will begin calling area businesses for donations. Any tickets donated will be sent to Diana. She will arrange delivery and collect monies for sales. The businesses may keep them or donate them in any manner.

Event Calendar – Gwen Biennas – May calendar accompanies the minutes. Please advise Gwen of any upcoming meetings.

Ashtabula County Chamber – Nancy Reider reported

1 -- The Home Show profits were split. Grand Valley got \$1035.00. Thanks again to those who assisted.

2 – Diamonds to Denim – APMC summer internship auction – our gift basket earned the fourth largest sale price of all county chamber donations.

3 – A letter was written on behalf of Grand Valley to the Ohio State Attorney General. This letter went with other letters from other Ashtabula County Chambers opposing a name change for Ashtabula Area Chamber of Commerce to the Ashtabula County Chamber of Commerce. It is the consensus that this will be confused with the umbrella organization, Ashtabula County Chambers of Commerce, which serves as a liaison between the county chambers and sponsor of the annual Home Show.

Reverse Raffle – The Legion hall is available. Cost will be \$250.00 as a rental. A tentative date has been set for November 16, 2013. A meeting will be May 9 @ 5:00 pm at the library for those interested.

Website – Andrew Davis reported the website is up and running smoothly.

Farm Market – Ed Sutliff reported some contact has been made with local farmers. The community voiced issues that Saturday would be better. The farmers will make the final decision.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Business of the Month – an idea was suggested that a banner be made to travel from business to business. This banner can be displayed in recognition of the business for the month it is honored. No action was taken.

Gwen Biennas of Gwen's Catering was named for May of 2013

#### NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Kevin Mitchell to purchase 1000 envelopes with the chamber address from B&S Printing for upcoming mailings; Gwen Biennas seconded; passed.

Nancy Reider wants to orchestrate a public meeting where NOACC will make presentations about health care, workers compensation, business supply services, and

other related fields of interest to Chamber member businesses and others. No date has been set.

Correspondence – The Chamber received two (2) letters.

1 – A thank you from the Legion for our contribution of \$300 to Girls State.

2 – An ad solicitation from the GV yearbook staff to purchase advertising. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned by Nancy Reider at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Sutliff, Secretary