



MINUTES OF THE August 4th MEETING

ATTENDING: Diane Giel of MG Concrete, Larry Bottoms of Nationwide Insurance and Orwell Village, Annette Herbster of Herbster's Tax Service, Shirley Ulman of J & S Heating & Cooling, Ed Sutliff of Western Reserve Drafting, Bob Denihan of B & S Publishing, Diane Ristimaki of Country Neighbor, Darlene Parker of Sew It Up LLC, Jan Cico of Key Bank, Sam Johnson of J.A. Johnson Electric, Pat Hunter of the Conversation Station, Bill Nye of Grand Valley Schools, Stacy Millberg of the Valley News, and Charles McElroy of the Old Brick Historical Society.

MEETING OPENED: President Diane Giel opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by prayer led by Pat Hunter.

MEETING MINUTES: Presented by Shirley Ulman, motion by Ed Sutliff to accept the minutes as presented (via e-mail and mailing) and seconded by Larry Bottoms, motion carried.

TREASURES REPORT: Presented and read by Treasurer Annette Herbster

Income Statement July 2009:

Total income	\$ 6023.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1640.72
Net income	\$ 4382.28

Balance Sheet

Chamber Accounts	\$ 4082.10
Festival Accounts	\$ 7562.26
Accounts Receivable	\$ 0.00
Un-deposited Funds	\$
Total Equity	\$ 11644.36

Motion by Larry Bottoms to accept the treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Ed Sutliff, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The **Business after Hours Committee** met in July to firm up the new name for the event. It will be called the Journey through Grand Valley. The Next Meeting is August 13th at 9:00 A.M. at Herbster's Tax Service.

The Grand Valley Festival Committee met three times in July. Please save your empty plastic coffee cans for use in the kids' games. Please call Diane, Larry, Nancy, Shirley or Annette if you have empty plastic coffee cans available. We appreciate Key Bank chairing the Photo Contest Committee. Thank you. Pre-sale ride tickets may be purchased at Davis True Value Hardware, Pam's Hair Magic and Grand Valley Drug for \$10.00 for 15 tickets. This represents a savings of \$10.00 as the tickets will sell for 15 tickets for \$20.00 at the festival.

The **Summer BBQ** was held July 25th at the Old Brick. The event was attended by around 100 people. Tours were given of the facility. The Chamber presented a check for \$200.00 to Charles McElroy who represented the Old Brick Historical Society. If you would like to join the Old Brick Society and were unable to attend the BBQ, the next meeting will be August 19th. If you missed the BBQ, Guy's BBQ will be at the festival with their delicious ribs and chicken.

Website Committee has requested that all members check their website information for accuracy. An error or two have been found and we want to make sure that all the information is correct. Please call Shirley Ulman 563-3985 with any corrections that may be required.

The first meeting of the **Bridal Show Committee** will be Thursday, August 20th at 8:00 A.M. This organizational meeting will last about one hour. Darlene Parker is hosting this meet at 7232 Davis Rd. She has promised to have coffee and Danish for all interested people who attend. Mark your calendar so that you can be a part of this new venture for the chamber. You may contact Darlene at 437-2176 for more information or to let her know you will be coming.

NEW BUSINESS: The **Fall Dance** will be held on October 17th. Tickets will be available for sale at the Grand Valley Festival.

We received a thank you note from the Grand Valley Elementary PTO for our donation to the Walk-A-Thon.

The American Legion Auxiliary sent a thank you note for our contribution to help send two area girls to Buckeye Girls State. The girls were Caitlin Smith who held the position of City Treasurer for Vivo City and Julie Arndt who held the position of City Auditor for Resnick City.

Look for information on the **Candidate's Night** that the chamber will be hosting. Four seats will be vacant on the school board this year.

Please remember to notify Shirley Ulman 563-3985 if you change your e-mail address so that we may continue to send you the chamber news.

The **Business of the Month** for August is **McGillacuddy's Paddock, LLC**. Please check the chamber website WWW.orwellgvchamber.org for information on this business.

BUSINESS NEWS:

Country Neighbor invites you to attend a unique training seminar being held on August 8th, August 29th and September 19th from 8:00 A. M. to 12:00 P.M. This seminar is sponsored by the Ashtabula County Job Source. This is a great opportunity to gain skills you need to begin a satisfying career. Contact Country Neighbor for additional information.

Country Neighbor is also going to begin to serve breakfast on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. This venture will begin on Tuesday August 11th. The menu made all of our mouths water at the meeting and it will be a great place to go after our chamber meeting. The menu includes cereal (hot and cold), bacon, eggs. etc.

Grand Valley Schools will open in about three weeks. Check the website for current school information.

Bob Denihan of **B & S Publishing** is making plans to expand his business.

Ed Sutliff of **Western Reserve Drafting** made the wonderful announcement that a Habitat for Humanity home is planned for the Orwell area. Ed is submitting plans for this project. Watch for additional details as they are made available.

Watch for the announcement of the grand re-opening of **Orwell Tire**.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting is Tuesday, Sept 1st.at 7:30 A.M. at the Village Hall

MEETING ADJOURNED: By Diane Giel.

Respectfully submitted by Shirley Ulman, Secretary

Quick Calendar of Events until our next meeting:

August 13th 9:00 A.M. - Business after Hours, Journey Through Grand Valley – Herbster's Tax Service

August 13th 5:30 P.M. - Grand Valley Festival Meeting – the pavilion

August 14th, 15th, and 16th – the fabulous, fun- filled Grand Valley Festival

August 20th 8:00 A.M. – Bridal Show Committee meeting- 7232 Davis Rd.

August 26th 5:30 P.M. - Grand Valley Chamber of Commerce Executive Board meeting- Orwell Village Hall

Sept 1st 7:30 A.M. – Orwell Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting – Orwell Village Hall

