

THE ORWELL GRAND VALLEY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5TH MEETING

ATTENDING: Diane Giel of Grand Valley Country Manor, Larry Bottoms of Nationwide Insurance and Orwell Village, Annette Herbster of Herbster's Tax Service, Pat and Gary Hunter of Conversation Station, Shirley Ulman of J & S Heating, Nancy Reider of McGillacuddy's Paddock, LLC, Ed Sutliff of Western Reserve Drafting, Jay Davis of Shetler Printing, and Andrew Davis of Grand Valley Public Library, Marlin Moschell of Middlefield Bank, Barb Kuchta of Barb's Hair Fashions.

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

MEETING MINUTES: Presented by Annette Herbster for Secretary Christina Smith, motion by Diane Giel 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

Total income for July \$2280.00

Total Expenses for July \$ 385.27

Net income \$1894.73

Balance Sheet

Chamber Accounts \$4663.39

Festival Accounts \$9281.29

Total Equity \$13944.68

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

EXECUTIVE MEETING: The Executive Board met on Wednesday July30th. Discussion included the progress of the directory, web page, and the August Festival.

The Orwell Village Park Pavilion floor has been replaced, as well as the gutters.

The chamber sign at the main intersection is also deteriorated. We are still looking into the cost of repairing or replacing the sign box.

The executive board will meet the last Wednesday of the Month, 5:30 at the village hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

The **Festival Committee** will meet on Thursday August 7th at the Village Hall 5:30 pm. All the festival planning is in full motion as the festival is rapidly approaching!

We need chamber members to man the chamber booth, please call Annette Herbster 440-437-8838 to reserve a time slot. This is also an opportunity to promote your own business and pass out any give-a-way's for your own business, as well as promote the chamber!

60th Anniversary Festival Tee-Shirts are for sale at Barb's Hair Fashions, Pam's Hair Magic, Conversation Station, A & J Sports, and will be available at the chamber booth during the festival.

The **Chamber Directory** is printed and ready for distribution. Nancy Reider will be coordinating the distribution over the next week. Directories may also be pick-up at Herbster's Tax Service in Orwell if you are in the area, please drop by and pick-up your copy.

The **Website Committee** announced that MORE pages have been added to the website. The web address is www.orwellgvchamber.org . Please take a minute to look at what we are working on, (*keep in mind the site is still under construction*), we would like your suggestions as this web site is a benefit of the chamber to promote and support your business and the chamber alike.

Shirley Ulman is the chairperson, if you have anything you would like posted to the web site or any suggestions of content for the web site please contact her at her e-mail address. doghouse3@earthlink.net . Thank you.

Business after Hours is still set for October 23rd at St. Mary's Hall. Please join us; we can always use a great mind and a warm body.

Schedule of Planning Meetings:

08/22 Friday	10/03 Friday
09/05 Friday	10/17 Friday
09/19 Friday	10/23 (Day of the Event)

Meetings are at Herbster's Tax Service at 9:30am. The committee will be notified of any changes to the meeting dates and times.

\$200.00 Motion of support for **Micky Krenek a Grand Valley High School student** has been selected to attend the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference Motion by Linda Kristo to provide \$200.00 financial support to Micky, seconded by Don Kristo, motion tabled for final vote at the August 5th meeting. This motion has been voted on and approved by the majority.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christina Smith has formally resigned as secretary of the chamber. The Bi-laws allow the board to appoint someone into this position until the next election. The board will be addressing this at their next meeting on August 27th.

DISCUSSION:

Grand Valley Country Manor is under new management, they are now owned by Provider Services. They plan to operate under the Grand Valley Country Manor name. They are looking at many positive changes for the building and maintaining their commitment to the many community services they currently provide.

Pat Hunter mentioned that the **Conversation Station** will be raffling a picnic table at the festival this year. The tickets are \$1.00 each the table will be given away on the last day of the festival. They are working on floats for the festival and their festival booth area.

Andrew Davis of the **Grand Valley Public Library** spoke about their ongoing summer programs. They will be holding their first Festival Side Walk Book Sale this year during the festival as a fund raiser for the library. Stop by the library to learn more about the programs and events they have scheduled.

NEXT MEETING:

September 2nd 7:30 am at Orwell Village Hall. Please plan to attend!

MEETING AJOURNED: By Diane Giel.

Respectfully submitted by Annette Herbster Treasurer, (provisional Secretary)