



Orwell – Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce ----- August 27, 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?; Gwen Biennas of Gwen's Catering; Diana Ristimaki; Stuart Walker of Davis True Value; Jack Nettis and Julie Mordesovich of Orwell Village and a guest, Alex Taipale.

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 with the correction from the July 30, 2013 meeting. Diana Ristimaki seconded; passed.

The treasurer's report was presented by Nancy Reider at Kevin Mitchell's request. Ed Sutliff motioned to accept the report as presented; Jack Nettis seconded; passed.

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MEMBERSHIP – We welcome a new member.

Paul Dunlavey of P.V.P. Industries Inc.
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Festival – Diana Ristimaki, chair – Follow up – Everything is not completed at this time.
Diana will conclude and report.

Chamber Activity Calendar – continues – Have an event? Contact Gwen Biennas.

Ashtabula County Chambers – Nancy Reider, liaison, nothing to report.

Reverse Raffle – Bob Denihan, chair. Tickets are ready to sell.

Orwell Village – Jack Nettis, Administrator – Jack thanked the Chamber for its cooperation and financial support to Orwell during the summer events.

Website – Andrew Davis and Dan Tanner – both were unavailable to report.

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NOACC – Nancy Reider, liaison – Nancy did not attend the Indians game. She will arrange for Grand Valley’s attendance at another NOACC function.

OLD BUSINESS:

Business of the Month – For October – Ruritans

Pine Lakes picnic for September 8, 2013 has very few RSVP. It was agreed by those present to cancel the function for lack of interest after September 1 (unless several advise they plan to attend.)

NEW BUSINESS:

David Strong, president of the Ruritans attended late. He thanked the Chamber for its willingness to support the Ruritan Halloween Party of 2012 by donating \$200.00. Those monies were used as prizes and / or to purchase refreshments. A motion was made by Diana Ristimaki to repeat the gesture with a donation of \$200.00 to the Ruritans; Gwen Biennas seconded; discussion followed “that any requested donation of more than \$25.00 must be heard at one (1) meeting and approved at the next meeting.” In the absence of the treasure, the members in attendance felt this could be taken from budgeted monies. The motion passed.

Gary Hunter offered to serve as the nominating committee to secure a slate of officers for the 2014 Chamber election. There was no opposition. President Reider made that appointment.

Meeting was adjourned by Nancy Reider.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Sutliff, Secretary