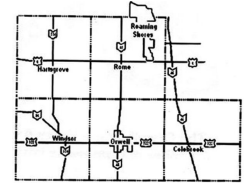




MINUTES 10-4-2011



ATTENDING: Diane Giel of Key Bank, Larry Bottoms of Nationwide Insurance and Orwell Village, Ed Sutliff of Western Reserve Drafting, Gary Hunter of Conversation Station and Rome Township, Pat Hunter of Conversation Station, Nancy Reider of McGillacuddy's Paddock, Kevin Mitchell of Middlefield Bank, Shirley Ulman of J & S Heating, Andrew Davis of Grand Valley Public Library, Barb Davis of Davis True Value, and Vicki Intihar of Huntington Bank.

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

MEETING MINUTES: Diane Giel asked for motion to accept the minutes from 9-6-11. Nancy Reider motioned; Pat Hunter seconded; passed.

TREASURES REPORT: Diane Giel asked for motion to accept the treasurer's report. Larry Bottoms motioned; Nancy Reider seconded; passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – Rosemary Jones is serving as committee chair. Tentative dates are March 24 or March 31, 2011.

FESTIVAL -- Unofficial wrap up	Income	\$6707.50
	Expenses	\$6538.43
	Profit	\$ 169.07

WEBSITE -- No update yet. Shirley Ulman will contact.

JOURNEY THROUGH GRAND VALLEY – On schedule for Thursday October 27, 2011 at St. Mary's Hall. Contact Kevin Mitchell at Middlefield Bank (437-7200) for free table space. Door prizes encouraged from each vendor / business. Set up 3:30 pm; Chamber members visit other vendors 4:30; Public is invited 5:30 to 7:30 – Free admission.

OLD BUSINESS: NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Gary Hunter / chairperson. Nominations below are not "firm". Voting at the November meeting. President – Diane Giel; First VP – Nancy Reider; Second VP – Gwen Biennas; Treasurer – Kevin Mitchell; Secretary – Gary Hunter.

Chamber Christmas / Holiday – Dec 10, 2011 – Larry Bottoms chair. Gary Hunter is organizing music / entertainment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shirley Ulman commented on changes in Worker's Comp.
GROW OHIO INITIATIVE – 25% off to new businesses; 51% - 60% discount for existing businesses.

50/50 PROGRAM Worker's Comp is working to make everything accessible online. Payments made online provide a deferral of up to three (3) months.

\$15,000 PROGRAM – A business can offer to pay medical expenses to keep rates low. Employees at Worker's Comp can discuss this with you. They are instructed to help businesses evaluate their needs. If the claim is small – it may be better to self pay. If it is a large claim – Worker's Comp will take over.

Questions? Contact Shirley Ulman at J & S Heating.

The chamber has been asked to consider changing meeting times. The proposed change will be to the 2nd Friday of each month. Time will be maintained at 7:30 am. Location will probably remain Orwell Village Office Complex.

NEXT MEETING:

November 1, 2011 at 7:30 am at Orwell Village Hall, 179 W. Main. Orwell.

MEETING ADJOURNED: By Diane Giel.

Respectfully submitted by Ed Sutliff, Secretary:

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