



**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, Helen Ward of Curves.

**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 8-2-11. Nancy Reider motioned; Larry Bottoms seconded; passed.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – Postposed for 2011.

FESTIVAL -- August 19, 20, and 21, 2011 – Wrap up not completed.

JOURNEY THROUGH GRAND VALLEY – This year door prizes from each vendor / business will be encouraged. Free table space is available. Kevin Mitchell at Middlefield Bank is the committee chairperson. Thursday, October 27, 2011 at St. Mary's Hall. Food service members will be offered a reduction in annual dues if they provide samples at their tables. Set up – 3 – 4:30 pm; chamber members tour 4:30 – 5:00; public admitted 5:00 – 7:00. Middlefield Bank has agreed to underwrite the hall rental expenses and other incidentals.

WEB SITE – Board met with webdesigner. Site should be operational within a couple weeks.

FARMER'S MARKET – Ed Sutliff reported. The market will close. There was one (1) family that provided produce weekly. Several other farmers attended one (1) or two (2) weeks. Community and media support was high.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Gary Hunter / chairperson. Nominations for 2012 offices will be announced at the October meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Calendar of Events

Journey Through Grand Valley – October 27, 2011

Chamber Christmas / Holiday – Old Brick – December 10, 2011 (tentative)  
Gary Hunter agreed to contact for music / entertainment.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business presented

**NEXT MEETING:** October 4, 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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