



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Nov. 16th, 2012

Regular Meeting

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The meeting was called to order by President Reider and opened with the Pledge. A prayer was recited as well. Minutes from the Nov. meeting were discussed and approved on a motion by Ed Sutliff, seconded by Gwen Biennas, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kevin passed out the summary of our accounts and discussed the income received from memberships coming in and the final income from the festival which was outstanding. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Ed. Sutliff, seconded by David Strong, motion carried.

Committee Reports: We have two new memberships which were introduced, Yankee Baked Goods and Home Away From Home, although Home Away From Home has been a part of Chamber for a while.

We have 34 paid membership at this point and more coming in.

Christmas Part Review, was discussed by Gwen and Nancy, The Circle Creek Cabin was very nice, the music and present swap was fun, and the meal was excellent. 34 people attended and 8 others had take out dinners.

The Swearing in of Officers will take place at the Jan. meeting which will be discussed more as a part of new business.

The new website administrator, Andrew Davis from the Library, talked about the discussion last month about the new year meeting time. He and Dan worked on a survey which they emailed to the membership and the results were passed out. Basically, which day of the week and what time would work best for the majority of people. There were many who said they would come whenever they could whenever the meetings were held. From the remaining response, Tuesday at 5 or 5:30 was discussed. From those in attendance and the majority of the survey the 2013 meetings will be held on Tuesdays starting at 5:30 at the Village Hall. This will work with the Village as long as we can be done in approximately 1 hour. There is a 7 PM meeting there as well. Stuart Walker made a motion to move the 2013 meetings to the third Tuesday at 5:30 at the Village Hall. Andrew seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Exe. Board meeting will stay on the second Tuesday at 5:15 at the Library.

Village Report: Jack Nettis reported the American Legion was promoting more flags to be flying in Orwell. They will spearhead the project is the Village could help with flags. Currently they have 15 flags but would like to fly approximately 100. The Village also will be doing additional fundraiser for their safety services including a soup cook off on Feb 17th, similar to the Ethnic Crook Pot dinner held in Nov., and other events.

Old Business: Ed discussed the layout for the Chamber window decals. He and Andrew laid out the design and Andrew stated, the Library could copy the decals on vinyl film and we should be able to buy the film. The cost of the project should be around \$70.00.

This had been approved in the past and this is just the follow up of that motion to do window decals for all business members.

New Business: A motion was made to spend \$100.00 on flags and seconded, during discussion a motion was made to amend the first motion to \$200.00 by Gwen Biennas, seconded by Bob Denihan. The amendment was approved unanimously. Andrew agreed to amend his motion so the amended motion of spending \$200.00 for flags was made to the Chamber . The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Gwen Biennas also discussed the need for a calendar of Chamber events and preparation/ planning just so people know when planning for future events will be starting. There was much discussion and basically Gwen will develop the calendar, it will also be on the website, and people can get it either way.

Another new business was reported by Nancy Reider , who has met with the School Board. During the festival recap the suggestion was made to look for a large venue for the festival. The school property was brought up because of the fireworks being there this year. The discussions are ongoing to see if this is a possible move which could be made.

The County Chambers of Commerce held their first meeting to begin discussion of the Home Show. More details will be coming.

During the business sharing portion of the meeting, Stuart Walker, representing the Grand Valley Senior Citizens Inc. made a presentation of \$2000.00 to the Library. Andrew Davis was very gracious and happy to get this donation.

ATTENDANCE: Jack Nettis – Village, Gwen Biennas-Gwen's Catering, Bob Denihan-B&S Printing, Kevin Mitchell – Middlefield Bank, Dan Z. & Andrew Davis-Orwell Public Library, Gayla Anoba-Till The End of Time, David Strong- Ruritans, Stuart Walker-Davis True Value, Vicki Intihar-Huntington Bank, Jay & Nancy Reider-Who,What,Where,&When, Ed Sutliff-WRD Drafting, LLC, Gary Hunter -ConversationStation