



MINUTES

Date: December 1, 2009

ATTENDING: Diane Giel of MG Concrete, Larry Bottoms of Nationwide Insurance and Orwell Village, Annette Herbster of Herbster's Tax Service, Nancy Reider of McGillacuddy's Paddock, LLC, Shirley Ulman of J & S Heating & Cooling, Diane Ristimaki of Country Neighbor, Pat Hunter of the Conversation Station, Gary Hunter of Rome Township, Chantel Lee of Signations, Stacy Millberg of the Valley News, Andrew Davis of the Grand Valley Public Library, and Bill Nye of the Grand Valley Local Schools.

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

MEETING MINUTES: Presented by Shirley Ulman, motion by Nancy Reider 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 November:

Total income	\$ 250.00
Total Expenses	\$ 96.56
Net income	\$ 153.44

Balance Sheet

Chamber Accounts	\$8778.57
Festival Accounts	\$2441.11
Accounts Receivable	\$ 0.00
Un-deposited Funds	\$ 0.00
Total Equity	\$11219.68

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

EXECUTIVE MEETING: The Executive Board met Monday, November 23rd.

All items discussed by the board are on the agenda for discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Directory committee met in November. The new pages are due December 1st. Members were called by committee members to remind them about the due date for changes.

OLD BUSINESS: Holiday Dinner will be held Saturday December 12th at St. Mary's Hall. The menu is Swiss steak and the cost is \$10.00 per person at the door. The doors will open at 5:30 with dinner served at 6:00. A reminder will be sent to all members with an RSVP. Those not responding will be called by Shirley

NEW BUSINESS: The budget for 2010 was discussed at the meeting. There were some details to be corrected. Larry Bottoms made a motion to table the budget until the January Meeting. Gary Hunter seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The ticket for Mardi Gras at St. Mary's was discussed. After discussion, it was decided to table this item until the January meeting. A motion was made by Larry Bottoms to table this item, seconded by Diane Giel. Motion passes.

The Citizen of the Year is tentatively scheduled for this spring. A list of people who might be interested in forming a committee was compiled. Several ideas were discussed. The committee will be formed in January 2010. Diane will confirm with St. Mary's the dates that are available for the event.

A By-laws committee was discussed to update our by-laws. Gary Hunter agreed to chair this committee. Several people have voiced an interest in this committee. Gary will contact some of the people interested and firm up the committee. Gary will also confirm the first meeting date, place and time.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to board members Larry Bottoms and Nancy Reider for all their hard work.

BUSINESS NEWS: **The Conversation Station** will open on December 21 for a Winter Solstice Party. They will also be participating in the Christmas Cards for Heroes Program. If you would like to order some Buckeyes(candy) that will be made by the Conversation Station, please call them.

Grand Valley Local School's has many holiday events coming up. Visit their web site for more information. <http://www.grand-valley.k12.oh.us>

Country Neighbor will be having their Christmas bake sale. Contact them to place your order for yummy Christmas cookies. Country Neighbor is also the home of the famous WII senior bowling league.

Mayor Larry Bottoms reported the traffic light will be installed at Grand Valley Boulevard as soon as the earmarked federal funds are released.

Habitat For Humanity will be taking a short break in the month of December. But Larry expects them to begin again in January. Please note that the work is done on Saturday. Please set aside time to help.

Business of the Month: JJ Roses

NEXT MEETING: January 5th 7:30 am at Orwell Village Hall. Please plan to attend.

MEETING ADJOURNED: By Diane Giel.

Respectfully submitted by Shirley Ulman, Secretary

Important Dates for Chamber members before our next membership meeting

*December 29th - Executive Board meeting - Orwell Village Hall 5:30 P.M. - **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE***

