

Orwell – Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce ----- Feb. 19. 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 5:15 pm.

Members in attendance were Bob Denihan of B& S Publishing; Ed Sutliff of Western Reserve Drafting LLC; Nancy Reider of Who? What? Where? When?; Andrew Davis and Dan Tanner of Grand Valley Public Library; Carole Stormer-Vaux of Remax / Jefferson, OH; Julie Mordesovich of Orwell Village Council; Gwen Biennas of Gwen's Catering; Kevin Mitchell of Middlefield Bank; Stuart Walker of Davis True Value; John Endruschat of Yankee Bake Goods; and Jack Nettis of Orwell Village.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 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 from the January meeting as emailed; Bob Denihan seconded; passed.

A motion was made by Ed Sutliff to accept the treasurer's report from the January meeting; Carole Stormer-Vaux seconded; passed.

Committee Reports

Festival – Aug 16, 17, 18 – A festival committee meeting will be held Wednesday, March 6, at 6:00 pm at the Conversation Station.

Circus – July 19, 2013 is the planned date. Mr. Kovats, the owner of the land where the old Grand Valley High School is allowing the use of his property.

County Chamber – The Home Show at the Ashtabula Towne Mall is set for the first weekend in March. It is sponsored by all the chambers in Ashtabula County.

This year the Ashtabula Area Chamber chose not to participate.

Membership – currently 57 paid members

Activity Calendar – Chairperson, Gwen Biennas seeks dates / meeting times for the various committees.

NOACC – Nancy Reider and Ed Sutliff attended the Home Show at the I-X Center. They met other members and directors from other Ohio chambers at a social hour.

Orwell Village – Jack Nettis reported the village and the chamber will co-sponsor a breakfast in conjunction with Ashtabula County Economic Development.

On May 11, the village will sponsor a 5k Run and a 1 Mile Fun Run.

Old Business –

The chamber board set a March 1 deadline for the festival relocation (from the Orwell Village Park to the Grand Valley Local School campus). If this deadline is not met the festival will not change location. It will be revisited for the 2014 festival.

Door decals – Andrew Davis reported the door decals are completed. They are available at the library.

New Business –

Bob Denihan reported a Reverse Raffle may be organized for some time in November, 2013. This would be a fund raiser for the chamber. Tickets tentatively will be \$75.00 for a couple. The grand prize tentatively will be \$2000.00. Side boards will be \$2.00, \$3.00, and \$5.00. Bob will continue to plan this.

ACMC – Challenge for “Diamonds & Denim” -- A function for Saturday, March 2, 2013 is planned at the Geneva State Lodge. The foundation’s purpose for this function is to 10 paid scholarships (mentoring summer paid jobs) for students from Ashtabula County who seek to learn more about health care prior to their individual studies. A motion was made by Bob Denihan to donate a basket including books supplied by the library and \$25 in Ohio lottery instant scratch off tickets paid by the chamber. The tickets are to be purchased locally at Davis True Value; Carole Stormer-Vaux seconded; vote – 10 for / 2 opposed; passed.

Discussion – regarding the budget -- the circus, as a fundraiser, is expected to bring \$1000 profit.

A motion was made by Andrew Davis that the chamber pay a \$290.00 signing fee with the Kelly Miller Circus; Jack Nettis seconded; passed.

A motion was made by Ed Sutliff to table discussion regarding a \$750.00 payment for emcee services at the festival. This payment would be ½ the total due; Bob Denihan seconded; the action was tabled.

A motion was made by Gwen Biennas to reimburse the library for additional costs of the decals production. Originally \$75.00 was budgeted. The purchase of static (easily removable) film took the overall cost to \$119.00; Carole Stormer-Vaux seconded; passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Nancy Reider at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Sutliff, Secretary