



- ATTENDING:** Nancy Reider of Who? What? Where? and When?; Gwen Biennas of Gwen's Catering; Jack Nettis and Julie Mordesovich of Orwell Village, Ed Sutliff of Western Reserve Drafting, Gary Hunter of Conversation Station; Andrew Davis and Dan Tanner of Grand Valley Public Library, Diana Ristimaki; Bob Denihan of B&S Printing; Sam Johnson of J. A. Johnson Electric; Christian and Gayla Anato of Till the End of Time; and Carole Stormer-Vaux of Remax Innovations.
- MEETING OPENED:** President Nancy Reider opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer led by Jack Nettis.
- MEETING MINUTES:** Gwen Biennas motioned to accept the minutes from December 2012, Gary Hunter seconded; passed.
- TREASURES REPORT:** Bob Denihan motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Carole Stormer-Vaux seconded; passed.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- FESTIVAL – Diana Ristimaki – chair -- Set for August 16, 17, & 18, 2013.
 - CIRCUS – Diana Ristimaki – chair -- We have a new fundraiser. A circus is scheduled for July 19, 2013.
 - MEMBERSHIP – Kevin Mitchell – chair -- was absent.
 - WEBSITE – Andrew Davis & Dan Tanner – co-chairs -- Updates completed. Looking for ways to link businesses to the site.
 - CHAMBER ACTIVITY CALENDER – Gwen Biennas – chair -- This is an in-house calendar for upcoming scheduled committee meetings. It is planned to accompany minutes so members can attend.
 - COUNTY CHAMBERS – Gary Hunter – chair -- The HOME SHOW is set for March 1,2, & 3 at the Ashtabula Towne Square Mall. An alternate representative from Grand Valley is needed. We generally earn \$600 – 800 for 4 volunteers doing shifts of 2 – 4 hours.
 - NOACC – Nancy Reider – chair -- Dues are due for 2013
 - BUSINESS AFTER HOURS – Kevin Mitchell – chair -- Set for Oct. 24, 2013.
 - FARM MARKET – Ed Sutliff – chair -- Discussion of dates in progress.

ORWELL VILLAGE – Report from Jack Nettis – 1) Dwight Johnson offered to feature a “business of the month” on the website 2) Jack asked the Chamber to work with an Ashtabula County entrepreneurship breakfast some time in March. There will be networking, potential funding information, and speakers. 3) Jack met with the school board seeking permission to bring Chamber activities to the school grounds. 4) Concerts in Chaffee Park – the village will continue the music. They seek to set 6 – 8 evenings of music and activities. 5) FIRST RESPONDERS AUXILARY – a soup cookoff is scheduled for Feb 17 @ 4:00 pm at the Orwell Fire Hall; and on May 11 – a “5K Fun Run” is being co-planned with Country Neighbor.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE – Not active at this time.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – Not active at this time.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – Diana Ristimaki – chair. -- Not active at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

MEMBERSHIP DOOR DECALS – Ed Sutliff – The design is completed. The library agreed to print the decals.

FESTIVAL RELOCATION UPDATE – Nancy Reider – Talks continue to move the Festival location to the Grand Valley School grounds. The Chamber Board suggested a March 1 deadline to determine location.

NEW BUSINESS:

FUND RAISERS – Gwen Biennas – We are considering a “Night at the Races” or a reverse raffle. More details will be forthcoming.

A motion was made by Gary Hunter to purchase a \$100 ticket for two (2) for St. Mary’s Mardi Gras dance, Bob Denihan seconded, passed. Diana and Dave Ristimaki agreed to accept the tickets and attend as Chamber representatives.

A motion was made to confirm the date of the “Business After Hours” for Oct. 24, 2013 by Gary Hunter, seconded by Diana Ristimaki, passed.

A motion was made to pay up to \$200 for the hall rental (at \$40 an hour) by Ed Sutliff, seconded by Jack Nettis, passed.

A motion was made to continue the support of Orwell’s summer music in the park as a PLATINUM SPONSOR with a \$1000 donation by Andrew Davis, Carole Stormer-Vaux seconded, passed.

A motion was made to pay our NOACC dues of \$75.00 by Gary Hunter, Jack Nettis seconded, passed.

Installation of officers for 2013 was postponed until February.

NEW MEMBERS:

Penny Endruschat -Yankee Bake Goods - 2866 Moore - Orwell 437-5590
Carol Presjak – Creekside Inn -- 1938 US Hwy 322 – Orwell – 437-5223

NEXT MEETING:

February 19, 2013 at 5:15 pm at Orwell Village Office Complex, 179 W. Main. Orwell, Ohio.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

By Nancy Reider