



MINUTES OF THE JULY 7th MEETING

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, Ed Sutliff of Western Reserve Drafting, Bob Denihan of B & S Publishing, Gary Hunter of Rome Township, Pat Hunter of the Conversation Station, Andrew Davis of Grand Valley Library, Stacy Millberg of Valley News. Darlene Parker of Sew It Up, Chantel Lee of Signsations and Jay Davis of Shetler Printing.

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 Ed Sutliff to accept the minutes as presented (via e-mail and mailing) and seconded by Nancy Reider, motion carried

TREASURES REPORT: Presented and read by Treasurer Annette Herbster

Income Statement November:

Total income	\$ 114.75
Total Expenses	\$ 771.89
Net income	\$ -657.14

Balance Sheet

Chamber Accounts	\$4651.24
Festival Accounts	\$2450.84
Accounts Receivable	\$ 0.00
Un-deposited Funds	\$ 160.00
Total Equity	\$7262.08

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

EXECUTIVE MEETING: The Executive Board met July 1st.

The Executive Board was updating committee projects and the discussion is contained in the committee reports below.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The **Business after Hours** committee has met. The last meeting had 7 people in attendance. The committee is discussing a possible name change to make the event seem more inclusive to the general public. The next **Business after Hours** meeting is **July 9th** at 9:00 A.M. at Herbster's Tax Service.

The **Summer Barbeque** will be held **July 18th** at The Old Brick. This event is a fundraiser for The Old Brick. Tickets sales have been slow and we are encouraging chamber members to attend and bring their friends and neighbors. The tentative menu is chicken, ribs, coleslaw, corn, and a dessert. Tickets are \$12.00 and may be purchased from Diane Giel or Annette Herbster or by calling 437-5782.

The **Grand Valley Festival Committee** continues to meet. The next meeting is **July 16th**. The festival committee is considering a corn hole tournament to replace the horseshoe contest. Please contact Diane Giel if you can help, even for an hour, with the festival.

NEW BUSINESS: The Grand Valley Athletic Boosters have taken over the sales and printing of the programs for the home games. Nancy Reider made a motion that we continue to purchase the ½ page ad that promotes the Orwell Grand Valley Chamber and its members. Ed Sutliff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

July **Business of the Month** is **Western Reserve Drafting**. Look for the business of the month at our web site.

BUSINESS NEWS: The **Grand Valley Library** is having a busy summer. They are currently collecting books and cds for the book sale that is held during the Grand Valley Festival. Their summer reading program is currently in full swing. Please be aware that state funding cuts to the libraries will have a large impact on the services that libraries can offer. A note to Governor Strickland voicing your objections to the proposed budget cuts would be appreciated.

The **Conversation Station** is having a bit of a slow summer. Attendance seems to be down a bit. They are happily accepting new volunteers to help with the summer and fall programs

NEXT MEETING: **August 4th** 7:30 A. M. at Orwell Village Hall. Please plan to attend.

MEETING ADJOURNED: By Diane Giel.

Respectfully submitted by Shirley Ulman, Secretary

Quick Calendar of Events until next meeting:

July 9th 9:00 A.M. Business after Hours Committee Meeting - Herbster's Tax Service

July 16th 5:00 P.M. Grand Valley Festival meeting - the Pavilion

July 18th 3:00 P.M. Summer Barbeque – The Old Brick – Ticket required

July 29th 5:30 P.M. Grand Valley Chamber of Commerce Executive Board meeting – Orwell Village Hall

July 30th 5:30 P.M. Grand Valley Festival meeting – 5:30 P.M. - the Pavilion

