



Orwell – Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce ----- June 25, 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 5:30 pm.

Members in attendance were Bob Denihan of B& S Publishing; Ed Sutliff of Western Reserve Drafting LLC; Nancy Reider of Who? What? When? Where?; Andrew Davis of the Grand Valley Public Library; Gwen Biennas of Gwen's Catering; Julie Mordesovich and Jack Nettis of Orwell Village.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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 as corrected from the April meeting as emailed; Bob Denihan seconded; passed.

The treasurer's report was presented by Nancy Reider at Kevin Mitchell's request. Kauffman Tire made a substantial donation to cover the costs of fireworks for the Grand Valley Festival. Thanks to Kauffman Tire! Ed Sutliff motioned to accept the report as presented; Andrew Davis seconded; passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Festival – Diana Ristimaki, chair – Good news! Nancy Reider reported at Diana Ristimaki's request. She was able to secure a ride company from the Columbus area. They will have eight (8) rides and an inflatable toy.

Circus – Diana Ristimaki, chair – Nancy Reider reported at Diana Ristimaki's request. Presale tickets offer a discount price. Adults -- \$10; children 11 and under -- \$6; children under 2 years – free. Tickets are available at Country Neighbor, Middlefield Bank, Huntington Bank, Pam's Hair Magic, and Grand Valley Library as well as through several members.

Community Calendar – continues – Have an event? Contact Gwen.

Ashtabula County Chambers – July meeting will have COSE as a speaker to all of the Ashtabula County Chambers representatives.

Reverse Raffle – Bob Denihan, chair. Tentative date – November 16, 2013. Plans continue – pricing, caterers, prizes, and workers are still being set.

NOACC – Nancy Reider, liaison – Vicki Hawke, the Executive Director, has agreed to be the guest speaker at the August Ashtabula County Chambers meeting.

Orwell Village – Jack Nettis – Music concerts continue each Wednesday (except July 3) through August 7, 2013 in Chaffee Park – across from St. Mary’s Roman Catholic.

July 31, 2013 – The Orwell – Grand Valley Area Chamber will be featured during the concert. Each member is invited to bring a table and set up to showcase your business! We will be joined by elected community and government officials.

Website – Dan Tanner – co-chair. The website is functioning. There is discussion to create a page for the Business of the Month. We would also like to link to Facebook as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Business of the Month – For July we will feature the entire chamber and its activities on the Orwell Village website.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

PINE LAKES offered to host a Chamber picnic. September 8, 2013 has been set. It will be a day of fishing, swimming, boating, volleyball, etc.

Meeting was adjourned by Nancy Reider.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Sutliff, Secretary