



MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3 MEETING

ATTENDING: 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, Marlin Moschell of Middlefield Bank, Diane Ristamaki of Country Neighbor, Bob Deniham of B & S Publishing, Stacy Millberg of Gazette Publications, Andrew Davis of Grand Valley Public Library, Jay Davis of Shetler Printing and Office Supply, James Williams of Taste of Soul Restaurant, Pat and Gary Hunter of the Conversation Station, and Jeannette Pietras of Orwell Ruritans.

MEETING OPENED: 1st Vice President Larry Bottoms opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by prayer led by Gary Hunter.

MEETING MINUTES: Presented to members through e-mail, motion by Gary Hunter to accept the minutes as presented (via e-mail and mailing) and seconded by Ed Sutliff, motion carried

TREASURES REPORT: Presented and read by Treasurer Annette Herbster

Income Statement November:

Total income	\$4390.00
Total Expenses	\$3097.71
Net income	\$1292.29

Balance Sheet

Chamber Accounts	\$5461.29
Festival Accounts	\$2781.60
Accounts Receivable	\$
Un-deposited Funds	\$
Total Equity	\$8242.89

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 February 26 at 5:30 at the Village Hall. Items discussed were the Ashtabula County Chambers Home Show, the Valentine's Dinner and Dance, and the Steak Fry.

The budget has not yet been readied for vote as the Festival Committee is still working on their portion.

The executive board will meet the last Wednesday of the month (March 25th), 5:30 at the village hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The **Website Committee** (www.orwellgvchamber.org). Chairperson met with the webmaster and was shown how to upload event pictures and update the calendar.

The **Chamber Directory** revisions and additions are currently on hold at the printer but will be available soon.

March **Business of the Month** is Midway Pontiac, Chevrolet and Buick.

OLD BUSINESS: All items for display at the **Home Show** should be at the meeting today or contact Gary Hunter, Ed Sutliff or Nancy Reider to make arrangements for these items. Help is still needed to man the Ashtabula County Chambers booth at the show and a sign up sheet was circulated. If you can help, contact Gary Hunter. Our chamber receives approximately \$800.00 for taking part in the Home Show. A discussion of the purpose and workings of the Home Show was held for the benefit of new members.

The **Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance** was a success with over 195 meals served. There were 31 Chinese Auction items available for this event.

The date of the **Grand Valley Festival** this year will coincide with the weekend of the Ashtabula County Fair.

NEW BUSINESS: The American Legion has asked the chamber to assist in sponsoring a candidate to Boy's State. The chamber had budgeted \$100.00 for this sponsorship. Gary Hunter made a motion that at this time \$100.00 be given to the American Legion for Boy's State with the stipulation that the American Legion request additional funding for Boy's state in May if needed. The motion was seconded by Nancy Reider. If the funds for other activities (Girl's State, etc) are not requested or used, these funds can be channeled to Boy's State. Motion passed.

The **Steak Fry** will be held at the Old Brick on July 18. The times are not yet set and will be announced at a later date.

The chamber received a request for support of the Relay for Life to be held June 12-13th at the fairgrounds. Annette Herbster made a motion to support the Relay for Life by encouraging chamber members to post signs in their windows and hanging purple ribbons to show support. Jeanette Pietras seconded this motion. Motion passed.

BUSINESS NEWS:

The **Conversation Station** continues their soup and bread lunches for the next two Fridays (March 6 & 13th). They will be closed during spring break except for Wednesday when Bunny Houses will be constructed. The Conversation Station will host the Youth Leadership lunch on March 11th. After the lunch, the group will adjourn to Country Neighbor to learn about their programs.

The **Grand Valley Library** will have a portrayal of Abraham Lincoln on the 19th. This is a program that was rescheduled from an earlier date when power problems prevented its presentation. The library is also sponsoring informational programs for Medicare. The next program is March 5 at 10:00 A. M. Please check with the library for the dates of the April and May programs

Country Neighbor Has received two new computers through the Ohio "No Child Left Offline Program." There will be a corned beef dinner on March 16th from 4:00 to 6:30 P.M. And an Art Show will be held on March 22 at 1:00 P.M.

Orwell North Church will be sponsoring a corned beef dinner on March 12th from 4:30 to 6:30.

Look for the annual Ruritan flower sale in April.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: By Larry Bottoms

.Respectfully submitted by Shirley Ulman, Secretary



