



ORWELL-GV CHAMBER MEETING

March 16th 2012 7:30 am

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The Chamber meeting of March 16th was called to order by President Nancy Reider. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and an opening prayer was given. Minutes from the Feb. meeting were approved on a motion by Ed S., seconded by Pat H., motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kevin presented the Feb. Income and expenses. Normal bills were paid, two \$25.00 donations were made to the various school groups, and final dance expenses were listed. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Shirley U., seconded by Gwen B., motion carried.

Membership report included 36 paid members, two more have submitted payment but no information for the new web page was provided so they are still in holding.

The Audit Committee had three concerns which were brought up for clarity. One being the beginning balance last January, second was payment of a festival expense from the regular account, and the third was a \$770.00 not listed in the register but deposited into the bank account.

All three issues were addressed and corrections made.

Committee Reports: Web page committee commented that the new website, www.orwellgvchamber.com is up and running with updates every day or so, please check it out! A question was asked about the old web site and new web site being linked together. The new webmaster is working on that but it is slow in happening because the old webmaster is being less than cooperative.

County Chamber: The Home Show seemed to be well attended most vendors were happy with the results. The County Chamber is assisting the Covered Bridge Committee with a cookbook the Covered Bridge Committee is hoping to put out. Anyone wanting to submit recipes for the cookbook should get them to the Covered Bridge Office by June 1st. Also a Covered Bridge Logo Contest is under way. Any artist who would like to submit a new logo should have their original artwork to the Covered Bridge Office by June, 8th. Prizes will be awarded. See the attached informational flyer.

Constitution Committee: Some changes have been made to the Constitution/Bylaws of the Chamber. Copies will be mailed to all members as per the current bylaws for discussion at the next meeting, then presented at the May meeting for approval.

Citizen of the Year Committee: Ed reported that all is coming together, tickets are still being sold, everyone should try to attend.

NOACC update: The Round table was a valuable time of sharing. Many good ideas came forth for the Chamber and individual members to work on. The next important **NOACC meeting will be March 27th at the Conversation Station at 18 E. Main St. from 5:30 to 7 with a NOACC Rep., Vickie Hawke, being present.** Please try to

attend. Other discussion at the Round Table included Concerts in the Park, possible new signs for Chamber members, & other Grand Valley Chamber benefits for our members. The Chamber Picnic was discussed with Gwen Biennas possibly chairing it but using it as a benefit for and Orwell family in need. There was discussion as to how this fits into our Mission statement and the matter was tabled until next meeting. Motion by Bob D, seconded by Carole S., motion carried

Village Adm. Report: Jack Nettis reported that the Village would like to begin Concerts in the Park as a way bring the community together. They are looking at Wednesdays starting June 26th through Aug. 1st except for July 5th. Other thoughts were to run the Farmer's Market the same evening as the Concert to link that together. Porta-potties, advertising, bake sales were also discussed. Watch for more details or call the Village Hall for information. Jack will be meeting with area manufacturers as well. This is cosponsored by the Orwell Grand Valley Chamber. Motion to cosponsor was made by Bob. D, seconded by Shirley U. motion carried. Their first meeting will address electric reliability. The Village also has a new Facebook page, please "like them" on Facebook.

New Business: The Chamber shares in the loss of Caleb Miller, a grandson of Diane and Matt Giel. A motion was made to donate \$25.00 to the Mary Blaha Memorial Fund, in the name of Caleb Miller. Motion made by Pat H. seconded by Shirley U., motion carried.

Business sharing took place with many positive comments being shared.

Attendance:

Ed Sutliff - Western Reserve Drafting,
Vickie Intihar - Huntington Bank
Shirley ulmon - J & S Heating
Kevin Mitchell - Middlefield Bank
Jack Nettis - Orwell Village

Carole Stormer-Vaux - Re/Max Reality
Pat & Gary Hunter – Conversation Station
Bob Denihan - B & S Publishing
Gwen Biennas - Gwen's Cartering
Nancy Reider - Who?What?When?Where?