



Orwell – Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce ----- Mar. 19. 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 5:15 pm.

Members in attendance were Nancy Reider of Who? What? When? Where?; Gwen Biennas of Gwen’s Catering; Bob Denihan of B& S Publishing; Ed Sutliff of Western Reserve Drafting LLC; Kevin Mitchell of Middlefield Bank; Stuart Walker of Davis True Value; Andrew Davis and Dan Tanner of Grand Valley Public Library; Julie Mordosovich of Orwell Village Council; Jack Nettis of Orwell Village; Tim Ponn of Grand Valley Tractor; and Gary Hunter of the Conversation Station.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by President Nancy Reider. She led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Hunter offered a prayer.

A motion was made by Gwen Biennas to accept the minutes from the February meeting as emailed; Gary Hunter seconded; passed.

A motion was made by Ed Sutliff to accept the treasurer’s report from the January meeting; Bob Denihan seconded; passed.

Committee Reports

Circus – Diana Ristimaki (Nancy Reider) -- July 19, 2013 is the date. The circus will be on the site of the former high school building. There will be two (2) shows. The Chamber paid the required contract booking fee, a fee to have Gazette Newspapers stuff 3,000 flyers, a permit fee from Ashtabula County Building Department, and dumpster fees. We will be looking for businesses and individuals to do pre-event ticket sales.

Festival – Diana Ristimaki – (Nancy Reider) – The Festival is well into planning stages. A ride company is still not available. Several local businesses have stepped forward with financial contributions. Kauffman Tire generously paid for the fireworks again this year. They will be on the school grounds.

County Chambers – Gary Hunter – The Home Show saw a larger crowd this year. Thanks to Gary Hunter, Nancy Reider, Carole Stormer – Vaux, and Andrew Davis for serving as Chamber representatives. We will be awarded monies based on their time.

Reverse Raffle – Bob Denihan – Bob reported the old Windsor School is available in mid-November. He got prices for security, hall rental, et al.

Orwell Village – Jack Nettis –

- 1 -- The NEO Fund breakfast was well attended. The OVFD offered to let us use the dining room for functions.
2. -- May 11 – Country Neighbor and the Village will co-sponsor a 5K and 1 Mile Run.
3. -- Circus – Village police will be consulted regarding security.
4. -- Orwell Newsletter. The Chamber was offered space in the new newsletter. Jack Nettis offered to author the article.
5. -- Concerts in the Park – The dates will run from June 19 – August 7 (skipping July 4th week) with seven (7) concerts planned.

Old Business –

The Grand Valley Festival will move in 2014 to the front lawn of the Grand Valley Local Schools. Mr. Nye, the superintendent and board members met several times with chamber representatives.

A motion tabled last month regarding a required deposit for an emcee to work the festival was rescinded.

New Business --

A motion was made by Gary Hunter to move the Chamber meetings to the last Tuesday of each month. We will continue to meet at the Orwell Village Office Complex at 179 W. Main at 5:30 pm.

Dwight Johnson wants to reinstate “The Business of the Month”. Any member interested in being considered is asked to submit pictures (from which one (1) may be selected – and -- compose a short article highlighting their business. Submit them by email to [dwightj@fairpoint.net](mailto:dwrightj@fairpoint.net)

Meeting was adjourned by Nancy Reider at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Sutliff, Secretary

Attachments: CN and Orwell run flyer / Event calendar for April 2013