



MINUTES OF THE MAY 5th 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, Bill Nye of Grand Valley Schools, Diane Ristamaki of Country Neighbor, Bob Deniham of B & S Publishing, Pat Hunter of the Conversation Station, Gary Hunter of the Conversation Station and Rome Township, James Williams of t The Taste of Soul Restaurant, Darlene Parker of Sew It Up LLC and Stacy Millberg of Gazette Newspapers.

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

MEETING MINUTES: Presented by Shirley Ulman (Secretary), motion by Ed Sutliff to accept the minutes as presented (via e-mail and mailing) and seconded by Pat Hunter, motion carried

TREASURES REPORT: Presented and read by Treasurer Annette Herbster

Income Statement November:

Total income	\$100.00
Total Expenses	\$ 390.16
Net income	\$-290.16

Balance Sheet

Chamber Accounts	\$4998.45
Festival Accounts	\$2691.11
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Un-deposited Funds	\$50.00
Total Equity	\$7739.56

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

EXECUTIVE MEETING: The Executive committee did meet in April. The major point of discussion was the possible addition of liquor liability insurance to our insurance policy. We are still waiting for clarification and price. The budget will be e-mailed to members and presented at the May meeting for approval.

The executive board will meet the last Wednesday of the Month, 5:30 at the village hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The **Grand Valley Festival Committee** met in April. The applications are ready to be mailed to the vendors.

The **Directory Chairperson** reported that the directory is now ready for its second printing and will be available to members soon. .

The May Business of the month is **Boggs Recycling**... Look for the business of the month at our web site.

The **Business after Hours Committee** will begin meeting soon. Annette will forward the meeting dates to current members and the dates will be published on the website for members to see. We will happily accept anyone who wishes to join the committee. Check the website calendar for meeting dates and times.

Darlene Parker will head a committee to explore the possibility the chamber sponsoring a **Bridal Fair**. We have many chamber member businesses that would benefit from this function.

OLD BUSINESS: The Chamber is still looking for someone to construct a new sign for us. The old sign is in very bad shape and needs to be replaced. E-mail the names of people you know who might be interested in doing this work for us. We will also contact the Grand Valley High School and the ACJVS to solicit their help.

The **Steak Fry** will be July 18th at the Old Brick. The caterer has been contacted. We hope to have tickets available at the June Chamber meeting.

The Budget was presented to the membership for approval and questions. After questions, Pat Hunter made a motion to accept the budget, Janette Pietras made the second and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: There will be a fundraiser at the high school to support the family of a young child with health concerns. The child is the son of a coach at Grand Valley. We have been asked to support this fundraiser with a basket for the Chinese Auction. Anyone with items to donate may contact any board member and we will pick up your donations for the basket.

Worker's Compensation is changing dramatically in Ohio effective the pay period to be reported in January 2010. ACCA Neo is sponsoring a seminar on the changes and information on the seminar will be e-mailed to all chamber members.

We would like to welcome our newest member **Reel's Auto Sales**.

BUSINESS NEWS: Larry Bottoms reported that many local businesses are feeling that the bottom has been reached in the economic hard times and that a very slow upward climb is in the offing.

Grand Valley Local Schools is nearing the end of the year. Prom will be Mother's Day weekend. There are numerous year end events that may be found on the schools website. The chamber website has a link to the school's website.

Country Neighbor is celebrating Senior Citizen Month. There are events scheduled for the celebration and you may contact Country Neighbor or check their website for details. The Country Neighbor facility will also be the site of GED classes. Please contact the ACJVS for details on these classes.

The **Conversation Station** is the beneficiary of the **Key Bank Make a Difference Day**. Key Bank employees will be painting and sprucing up the Conversation Station. The Conversation Station is in need of volunteers as the school year ends. If you have any spare minutes to donate, please contact Pat. The summer program will once again be very busy. Because the programs will be presented by paid personnel, there will be a charge for these programs. The CS is looking for businesses to underwrite the cost of some of these programs for children who may wish to participate but be financially unable to do so. If you can sponsor a scholarship for those who may wish to participate, please contact Pat.

Special thanks to **The Taste of Soul Restaurant** for providing our morning coffee.

NEXT MEETING: June 2nd 7:30 am at Orwell Village Hall. Please plan to attend.

MEETING ADJOURNED: By Larry Bottoms

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Respectfully submitted by Shirley Ulman, Secretary

