



MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4TH MEETING

ATTENDING: Diane Giel of Grand Valley Country Manor, Larry Bottoms of Nationwide Insurance and Orwell Village, Annette Herbster of Herbster's Tax Service, Pat and Gary Hunter of Conversation Station, Nancy Reider of McGillacuddy's Paddock, LLC, Ed Sutliff of Western Reserve Drafting, Marlin Moschell of Middlefield Bank, Bill Nye of Grand Valley Schools, Don and Linda Kristo, Chantel Lee and Amy Rossi (New owners) of Signstations, Diane Ristamaki of Country Neighbor, Bob Deniham of B & S Publishing and Tim Ponn of Grand Valley Tractor.

MEETING OPENED: President Diane Giel opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by prayer led by Gary Hunter.

MEETING MINUTES: Presented by Annette Herbster (Provisional Secretary), motion by Linda Kristo to accept the minutes as presented (via e-mail and mailing) and seconded by Nancy Reider, motion carried

TREASURES REPORT: Presented and read by Treasurer Annette Herbster

Income Statement

Total income for October	\$4595.50
Total Expenses for October	\$3663.51
Net income	\$ 931.99

Balance Sheet

Chamber Accounts	\$3440.85
Festival Accounts	\$2781.60
Undeposited Funds	\$ 390.00
Total Equity	\$6612.45

Corrected Fall Dinner Dance Report:

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	<u>Dec 08</u>	
Fall Dinner/Dance Revenue		
Contributed Support	85.00	
Chinese Auction	540.00	
Ticket Sales	2,467.50	
50/50 Raffle	308.00	
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Total Dinner Dance Revenue	3,400.50	<u> </u>

Fall Dinner/Dance Expenses		
	Beverage	136.00
	Catering	1,555.00
	Entertainment	750.00
	Hall Rental	100.00
	Printing & Reproduction	23.20
	Postage	42.00
	Security	120.00
	Supplies	55.00
Total	Fall Dinner/Dance Expenses	<u>2,781.20</u>
	Net Income	<u><u>619.30</u></u>

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

EXECUTIVE MEETING: The Executive Board did not meet in October.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The **Website Committee** reported the web site is now entering the maintenance phase. The web address is www.orwellgvchamber.org . Please take a minute to look at what we completed.

Shirley Ulman is the chairperson, if you have anything you would like posted to the web site or any suggestions of content for the web site please contact her at her e-mail address. doghouse3@earthlink.net . Thank you.

December **Business Of The Month** is Gilmour & Son Construction. Look for the business of the month at our web site. (This did not get posted to web in November.)

Business After Hours/Taste of Grand Valley was very successful. We had 9 businesses join the chamber to be a part of this chamber event. One member joined after walking through that evening. We had 33 members participate at tables highlighting their businesses. We had several food vendors that provided tasty samples of their foods. We had much more public participate this year as well. We spent slightly more than we did last year, investing in more advertising for the event. Next year's Business After Hours/Taste of Grand Valley is set for Thursday October 22, 2009.

The **Directory Committee** needs changes to your directory page for the Second Edition by the December 2nd meeting. If we do not receive your changes by the deadline your directory page will remain the same. We are only replacing changed pages annually to the directory that you will place into your book as a means of updating and maintaining your directory. Please read the cover letter in the directory which contains the instructions for making changes to your page. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Reider at 440-812-1255 or Annette Herbster at 440-437-8838.

OLD BUSINESS:

The **Fall Dinner Dance** was well attended. Income statement posted above shows a \$619.30 profit from the dance. The next dinner dance is scheduled for February 14th.

NEW BUSINESS:

We would like to welcome a few **new members** to the chamber Ashlo, LLC Lori Bunch Owner, B & S Publishing Bob Denihan Owner, Circle Creek Cabin Restaurant Sandy Giddings & Sandy Beals, Grand Valley Tractor Tim Ponn Owner, Gwen's Catering & More Gwen Biennas Owner, J A Johnson Electric Jerrold Johnson Owner, Orwell Printing Randy Bennett Owner, Robin Venturella (Mary Kay), Taste of Soul James Williams Owner.

Linda Kristo of the Nominating committee, contacted chamber members by phone to see if anyone was interested in an officer's position prior to opening up nominations from the floor during the regular meeting for anyone interested in being placed on the ballot for election to an officer's position on the board.

Linda motioned to accept the following slate of officers: President—Diane Giel, 1st Vice President—Larry Bottoms, 2nd Vice President—Nancy Reider, Secretary—Shirley Ulman, Treasurer—Annette Herbster. Motion carried, the election will take place at our December 4th meeting.

BUSINESS NEWS:

Conversation Station Telethon was very successful. They are looking at receiving matching grants for the funds that were raised during the telethon.

Pat stated that they had a few people during the Business After Hours Expo express an interest in volunteering at the Conversations Station. The event was a benefit to their organization too.

They will also have a table at the Craft Show at the American Legion Hall featuring many crafts that the children that attend the Conversation Station have made.

Middlefield Bank had a very successful open house, it was very well attended.

Grand Valley Local School's Drama Department is hosting the play Arsenic and Old Lace. Visit their web site for more information. <http://www.grand-valley.k12.oh.us>

Safe Trick or Treat at **Grand Valley Country Manor** was attended by approximately 150 children. They had an opportunity to visit with the residents while receiving their treats. They were also treated with goodies from the kitchen; fun was had by all that attended.

Orwell Village Trick or Treat was also well attended by hundreds of children. The safety forces, including the police and fire departments assured that the children had safe crossing points across the busy streets.

Mayor Larry Bottoms reported the traffic light at Grand Valley Blvd should be going into place very soon. ODOT has finally been pressed into seeing the need for the traffic light.

DISCUSSION:

NEXT MEETING: December 2nd 7:30 am at Orwell Village Hall. Please plan to attend! Election of Officers will be held at this meeting. Taste of Soul will be providing our continental breakfast.

MEETING ADJOURNED: By Diane Giel.

Respectfully submitted by Annette Herbster Treasurer, (Provisional Secretary)