



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Nov. 16th, 2012

Regular Meeting

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The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Reider with the Pledge of Allegiance and an opening prayer. The minutes of the Oct. meeting were discussed and approved on a motion by Kevin Mitchell, seconded by Gwen Biennas. Motion carried. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report included one new membership fee and a bill from Signations for work done as well as usual and customary expenses. Motion to pay the bills made by Gwen Biennas, seconded by Ed Sutliff, motion carried.

Committee Reports: Business Expo – We had the same number of participants, although 2 additional businesses had signed up but did not come, so the number remained the same. Income received was \$350.00 and there is still one outstanding invoice for payment which has not yet been received so we are still waiting on that before a final statement can be made. Everyone seemed pleased, there was one issue that will be resolved for future year to continually be improving this Chamber function.

Membership – Invoices have been sent out and dues are coming in. **MEMBERSHIP DUES NEED TO BE PAID BY Jan. 2nd TO REMAIN A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE CHAMBER.** Renewal dues can be paid to Kevin Mitchell at Middlefield Bank or mailed to the Chamber P.O. Box 261 Orwell Ohio

Nominating Committee – Rosalyn Baum submitted the following candidates for Office.

President – Nancy Reider and Diana Ristimaki

First VP – Gwen Biennas

Second VP – Bob Denihan

Treasurer – Kevin Mitchell

Secretary - open

A motion was made for Ed Sutliff to be the Secretary by Gary Hunter, seconded by Gwen Biennas, Ed accepted the nomination and the motion was approved. A vote was held on the president position and as the votes were being counted, a motion was made by Gary Hunter, seconded by Rosalyn Baum that the remaining positions be accepted as presented. The motion carried. After tallying the votes, Nancy Reider was approved as President of the Chamber. It was also reported that Diane Geil will stay on the Executive Committee as the Past President.

Website – Shirley Ulman has resigned from this position and Andrew and Dan at the Orwell Grand Valley Library will take on the responsibility of updating the website.

Information to update the Chamber website can be emailed to Andrew:

davisan@grandvalley.lib.oh.us and Dan: tannerda@grandvalley.lib.oh.us

Christmas Party – The Chamber Christmas party for members and their employees is Dec. 6th and all members should have received an invitation. It will be held at Circle Creek Cabin in Harts Grove, doors open at 5, dinner will be at 5:30. A count is needed for food preparation, so please RSVP by Nov. 26th or ASAP. It was also discussed that no

budget had been set for this event, Bob Denihan made a motion to budget \$250.00 for this event, motion seconded by Jack Nettis, motion carried.

Orwell Village Report – Jack reported that the GVIS would be having a Community Thanksgiving Church Service on Sunday Nov. 17th at 7 PM at the North Church. On Nov. 25th the Orwell Christmas Lighting will take place at 6PM at the corner. The park and Rec. Board is in charge of this event. He thanked everyone for their support and said the Journey was a great success in his eyes.

Jack discussed the Code Red procedure which took place during Storm Sandy.

New Business – Diana Ristimaki reported that with the Lighting Ceremony, Chamber was asked if we could donate a tray of cookies for the event. The cost for 9 dozen was \$36.00. Bob Denihan made a motion to supply the cookies, seconded by Diana Ristimaki, motion carried.

The chamber decals were discussed with Chantel at the Journey but she needs to know what we want on the decal. Nancy said she will talk with her and Ed Sutliff volunteered to design a preliminary decal to start from. Also the idea of a Valentine Dance at St Mary was discussed because the date would need to be reserved. With the increased cost of Hall rental and the food, it is unlikely that we would be able to cover all of the costs and make a profit as a fundraising event. Other possibilities were discussed as well, such as, bringing in the circus, doing a Night at the Races, or doing a reverse raffle. Andrew Davis made a motion to not do a dance this year and see if we can come up with another fundraiser. Bob Denihan seconded the motion, motion carried.

There will be a Dec. meeting on Dec. 21st unless other notification comes out.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Kevin Mitchell.

ATTENDANCE

Gwen Biennas – Gwen’s Catering

Robin Ventrilla – Ventrilla & Sons Plumbing

Bob Denihan – B&S Publishing

Gayla Amota – Till The End of Time

Andrew Davis – GV Public Library

Justin Petrello – Kaufman Tire

Ed Sutliff – WRD Drafting

Nancy Reider – Who What When & Where

Jack Nettis – Orwell Village

Kevin Mitchell- Middlefield Bank

Diana Ristimaki

Carole Stormer-Vaux – ReMax

Stuart walker – Davis True Value

Rosalyn Baum American Family Ins.

Gary Hunter – Conversation Station