



MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 6th MEETING

ATTENDING: Diane Giel of MG Concrete, 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, Marlin Moschell of Middlefield Bank, Bob Denihan of B & S Publishing., Diane Ristimaki of Country Neighbor, Pat & Gary Hunter of the Communication Station and Rome Township, Rose Nick of DNR Cornhole, Jeannette Pietras of Grand Valley Ruritans, Sam Johnson of J.A. Johnson Electric, Jan Cico of Key Bank, Chantel Lee of Signsations, Darlene Parker of Sew It Up, Andrew Davis of Grand Valley Public Library, and Stacy Millberg of the Valley News.

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

MEETING MINUTES: Presented by Shirley Ulman, motion by Rose Nick 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	\$ 1295.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1957.57
Net income	\$ -662.57

Balance Sheet

Chamber Accounts	\$7366.18
Festival Accounts	\$1614.58
Accounts Receivable	\$ 0.00
Un-deposited Funds	\$ 280.00
Total Equity	\$9260.76

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

EXECUTIVE MEETING: The Executive Board met Sept. 30th. Candidates night will be held Oct. 8th at Grand Valley High School. The event will start at 6:30 P.M. in the school auditorium.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The **Sweetest Day Dance** will be held Saturday, October 17th, at St Mary's Hall. At this time, 100 tickets have been sold. Presale ticket sales will end October 12th.

The **Journey Through Grand Valley Expo** will be held October 22nd at St. Mary's. There are currently 25 tables reserved. We have obtained 5 new members - Kurt 4 Computers, DRN Cornhole, Kauffman Tire, McGill's Septic, and Pam's Hair Magic. Welcome to our new members.

The **Chamber Directory Committee** will be chaired by Bob Denihan this year. Please look over your directory page and make the necessary changes. The deadline for changes, corrections and new member pages is December 1st. Bob is currently accepting any changes you wish to make. Please submit you changes in writing.

The Bridal Fair Committee continues to meet. If you would like to be included in the planning stages of this event, please contact Darlene Parker. The next meeting will be November 6th at 11:30 at Darlene's house.

The Festival Committee has wrapped up work on this year's festival. The Festival Committee will resume work on the 2010 festival in February. Please contact Diane Giel if you wish to work on this committee.

Open Issues: The Chamber would like to provide support of the Habitat for Humanity house being built in Orwell. We will select a day based on need and forward information to all chamber members.

New Business: The Executive Board would like to create a new position. It would be the position of Media Coordinator. This position would be someone to communicate with the media about chamber events. Larry Bottoms made a motion to create this position. It was seconded by Bob Denihan and the motion passed. Rose Nick has accepted this position.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business reported

BUSINESS NEWS: Rose Nick, representing the **American Red Cross** distributed information on business preparedness for the H1N1 flu. There are presentations that may be purchased from the Red Cross for your business. The chamber is thinking about sponsoring a local presentation for areas businesses. We will inform the membership when we will do the presentation.

October is fund raising month for the **Conversation Station**. They will be selling frozen pizzas all month. The soup and bread schedule is posted on their website calendar.

The **Ruritans** are sponsoring a Halloween party on the 31st. If you have time, they can always use help with the setup and the party.

The **Old Brick Society** would still like to recruit new members. If you are interested, they meet the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

Country Neighbor has bone density testing this month and the mammogram scheduled for next month. Check their website for the dates. Flu shots will be given October 23. On November 5, there will be a turkey dinner.

The **Grand Valley Library** will have their Heroes Tree set up again. There will also be a wishing tree set up. The library's budget has been frozen so any help with the library's projects would be appreciated.

NEXT MEETING: **November 3rd** at 7:30 am at Orwell Village Hall. Please plan to attend.

MEETING ADJOURNED: By Diane Giel.

Respectfully submitted by Shirley Ulman, Secretary

Important dates before our next meeting:

October 22 - 5:30 - Journey Through Grand Valley Expo St Mary's Hall

October 28 - 5:30 P.M.- Chamber Executive Board Meeting at Orwell Village Hall

