



MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 1st 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, Chantel Lee of Signsations, Gary Hunter of Rome Township, Pat Hunter of the Conversation Station, Darlene Parker of Sew It Up LLC, Rose Nick of DRN Cornhole, Bill Nye of Grand Valley Schools, Diane Ristimaki of Country Neighbor and Stacy Millberg of The Valley News.

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

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

TREASURES REPORT: Presented and read by Treasurer Annette Herbster

Income Statement September

Total income	\$3496.01
Total Expenses	\$5569.84
Net income	-\$ 2073.83

Balance Sheet

Chamber Accounts	\$6910.76
Festival Accounts	\$2636.57
Accounts Receivable	\$ 0.00
Un-deposited Funds	\$ 0.00
Total Equity	\$9547.33

The treasurer noted that not all Festival expenses have been paid and these are not final figures.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Darlene Parker reported the next meeting of the **Bridal Fair Committee** will be September 11 at 11:30 A.M. at her home. Please plan to eat your lunch during this meeting. Diane Giel will check the availability of St Mary's Hall for this February event.

Annette Herbster updated us on **The Journey Through Grand Valley Expo Committee**. She announced that each vendor will receive 5 postcards to mail to their customers as an invitation to the expo. The committee is progressing nicely for the October 22nd event.

The **Fall Dinner Dance** is in the planning stage with tickets available for sale immediately. This event will take place on Saturday, October 17th and is a Fund Raising endeavor for the chamber. Individual tickets are \$17.50 until October 1st. After October 1st, the price increases to \$20.00 per person. The committee for this event will meet September 10 at 6:15 at the pavilion. (The dance committee will meet after the Festival Committee) We will later email the locations where you may purchase tickets. No tickets will be mailed to members for this event.

Open Business:

The **Old Brick Society** is very grateful for the Chamber donation but still is seeking additional members. If you would care to join, plan to attend their next meeting on September 16th at 7:00 P.M. at the Old Brick..

Candidate's Night will be October 8th at Grand Valley High School. Please watch channel 40 for information on this event. The chamber will help the League of Women Voters with this event.

The **Habitat for Humanity** home to be built in Orwell had it's ground breaking ceremony on August 15th. Larry Bottoms will acquire a list of dates when help is needed on this house and we will ask chamber members to volunteer for a day. More information will follow.

Annette Herbster shared some news on a company called myfax.com. This company provides an inexpensive way to add fax service to your business without having to add an additional phone line.

BUSINESS NEWS:

Country Neighbor is supporting the senior service levy that is up for renewal this fall. They are also sponsoring a reverse raffle at the American Legion Hall on September 26. Contact Diane Ristimaki for ticket information. The breakfasts at Maple Street Café (Country Neighbor) have begun. The breakfast is available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6:00 to 9:30 A.M. The prices are very reasonable. (Example: one egg and choice of toast is \$1.00)

Grand Valley Local Schools has a permanent improvement levy up for renewal this fall. Look for additional information about the levy at Candidate's night

The **Conversation Station** will re-open September 8th. They will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Friday only. If you can help between 2:30 and 5:30, please contact the Conversation Station. Additional help may allow them to open additional days. They have added a Kid's Market where some snack items and school supplies will be sold. They are offering a Classic Flick Night once a month on a Friday. This year an American Girl's Club will begin on the 2nd Saturday from 10 to 12. The monthly birthday parties will continue thanks to a grant from the Ronald McDonald House. Driver's ed will once again be offered at the Conversation Station. Please contact them for additional information on any of their events or to volunteer your time.

Business of the Month: **Herbster's Tax Service.** Please check the chamber website for information about this business.

NEXT MEETING: **October 6th** 7:30 A.M. 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:

September 10th – 9:00 A.M. Journey Through Grand Valley Expo Committee meeting at Herbster's Tax Service

September 10th – 5:30 P.M. Grand valley Festival Wrap up Meeting at the Pavilion

September 10th – 6:15 P.M. Fall Dance Committee meeting at the pavilion

September 11th – 11:30 AM. Bridal Fair Committee meeting at Darlene Parker's Home. Bring your lunch.

September 24th – 9:00 A.M. Journey Through Grand Valley Expo Committee meeting at Herbster's Tax Service

September 30th – 5:30 P.M. Chamber Executive Board meeting at the Village Hall

