



ORWELL-GV CHAMBER MEETING

Feb. 17th 2012 7:30 am

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The Feb. meeting of the Orwell/Grand Valley Chamber was called to order by Acting President Nancy Reider. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all, followed by a prayer.

The minutes were discussed and Gary Hunter stated that at the Jan. meeting it was voted that Bob Denihan would be using the Chamber ticket to the St. Mary Mardi Gras Reverse Raffle on Feb. 18th and that had been omitted from the minutes. A motion was made by Ed Sutliff, seconded by Pat Hunter to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried. Treasurer's Report – Kevin Mitchell was not able to be at the meeting but he had sent in a report. That report is included with the attachments. Kevin also had a bill for the NOACC dues to be paid, \$75.00. Motion by Jack Nettis to pay the bill, seconded by Ed Sutliff, motion carried.

Two letters had been received from the school for donations. The GV Elementary School PTO Walk-A-Thon would be on April 28th, and the Middle School Chinese Auction is scheduled for March 17th. Motion by Pat Hunter to donate \$25.00 to each organization, Carole Stormer-Vaux seconded. Motion carried.

There was then discussion on the Membership dues which have and have not been paid. In past years Membership certificates and plaques have been given, do we want to go back to that? It was decided that all NEW members should certainly get a certificate and that we should again check into the wood plaques and decide if and how they can best be used. Motion by Pat Hunter seconded by Ed Sutliff, motion carried

Committee Reports – The Valentine's Dinner/dance was enjoyed by many members who made comment. Diane Giel and committee did a great job. The weather was an issue but overall it came off without a hitch. Diane had submitted a report of income and expenses, showing a net profit of \$990.00. Ticket sales were down somewhat but it was stated that for all of these events to be more successful, everyone needs to help sell tickets. Income from the dance \$3,115.00, expenses \$2,125.00

Citizen of the Year – The Committee is running with it, everything is coming together. Tickets are available through RoseMary Jones, Diane Giel, Liz Waters, and Terri Schaub. The date is March 24th at St. Mary Hall

County Home Show will be held March 2 – 4. Billboards are up, advertising is happening and door prize coupons will be going out. With the expanded door prize list everyone should try to attend and get your name in for the door prizes. Joe Novak of Hartsgrove Hardwood and Gwen Biennas of Gwen's Catering have offered additional door prizes for the weekend. Each County Chamber group has been asked to donate at least two door prize baskets, if you would like to offer something please contact Gary Hunter by email to ghunterrometownship@gmail.com. Workers are also needed for various shifts at the mall if anyone can help.

Wed Page – Shirley was not able to attend but all newly paid members should now be on the web page, address above. Please submit updated information so that this page can be more accurate.

Business Expo – date has been confirmed for Oct. 25th Thursday evening at St. Mary Hall
Festival Committee – will be starting soon. Your help is needed, contact any Officer.

Summer Steak Fry was discussed. A committee must be established to determine IF it will happen and when/where it will happen. Two or three people cannot do it all, committee chairman and members are needed.

Constitution Committee – This committee is reviewing our by-laws and will be making some revised suggestions. Committee is Nancy Reider, Shirley Ulman, Ed Sutliff, and Carole Stormer-Vaux.

Old Business – St Mary Mardi Gras will be Saturday Feb. 18th. The Chamber did purchase a ticket and Bob Denihan will be representing our group.

New Business – A Chamber Round Table was discussed and a poster passed around. Some members have thought just being able to get together for lunch and sharing ideas may be a beneficial thing to do. The membership present encouraged those wanting to try to move ahead with it. The flyer is attached, please print it off and try to attend March 9th at Noon at the Conversation Station. Bring your lunch or participate in the homemade Soup & Bread available at the Conversation Station for a donation.

Business comments followed. Many positive signs are being seen by area businesses.
Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by, Gary Hunter

ATTENDANCE – Feb. 17th

Pat & Gary Hunter-Conversation Station, Ed Sutliff-Western Reserve Drawings, Carole Stormer-Vaux Re/Max, Carol Palesh-Huntington Bank, Gwen Biennas- Gwen's Catering, Jack Nettis-Orwell Village, Nancy Reider-Who,What,Where,When