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ORWELL-GRANDVALLEY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
JANUARY 20TH Meeting

The Jan. meeting of the Orwell-Grand Valley chamber was called to order by Nancy Reider at 7:30 am Friday Jan. 20th. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and an opening prayer offered by Gary Hunter. 14 members were present.

Nancy asked Mr. Jack Nettis to perform his first duty for the Chamber by swearing in the new Officers, which he did. Mr. Nettis then introduced himself in more detail and shared with the Chamber his experience with other Chambers. His experience with other Chambers encourages us to be **an advocate for our business community**, be **involved in our business community**, and to **encourage business development** in our communities.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – The Dec. meeting minutes were distributed to all members through emails and hard copies to those who requested it. Nancy asked for a motion to accept those minutes. Motion made by Shirley Ulman, seconded by Pat Hunter, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT- Mr. Kevin Mitchell provided updated Income and Expense Summaries for 2011. **The request was made that as businesses send in their dues for the year please update the membership form. Many people just put "same" but some of the records are not accurate therefore "same" does not allow us to verify all information. Please take a minute and fill out the form.**

Motion to approve the Treasurers Report was made by Ed Sutliff, seconded by Gwen Biennas, motion carried.

Budgets for the standing committees were brought up so that each committee has an amount in which to operate. Gary Hunter made a motion to approve the following amounts for the standing committees; Valentines Dinner/Dance -\$5,500.00, Citizen of the Year - \$1000.00, Business Expo - \$250.00 (Middlefield Bank will underwrite this event again this year), Festival - \$7,500.00, Special Events - \$1000.00, Website - \$300.00, Farmers Market - \$300.00 Totaling \$15,850. A second came from Ed Sutliff, after discussion, motion carried. The bylaws stipulate that the committees can use these funds as needed for the event as long as they stay within budget.

The other item concerning the Treasurer and the budget is the need for our annual review. Vicki Intihar and Jack Nettis will sit on the Audit Committee and get with Kevin for the records needed to perform the financial review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Dinner/Dance Diane reported that we are trying to pull it together and with help it will happen. Pat & Gary Hunter are helping with tickets and the Chinese Auction. Gary also has posters to get out if you can display one or if you want to order tickets contact him. Other details, same band – different name, \$20.00 per person, beer and wash provided.

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED LETTER AS WELL AND CALL US

Citizen of the Year Rosemary Jones and that committee has been getting this event organized for March 24th 6 PM at St. Mary Hall. Please try to attend. Call any Officer for tickets.

County Chamber Assoc. The County Home Show will again be hosted by the mall. All of the Chambers are working together to improve the Home Show and the attendance. This year there will be 12 cash dollar drawing at the show. Grand Prize, a \$500.00 prize to be spent at the Mall, another \$500.00 prize to be spent with the vendors present at the Home Show, plus 10 \$50.00 Mall Gift card prizes. This is on top of gift baskets which will be donated. Please call Gary Hunter if you can help at the show or for more details, 563-6328. Proceeds from this show are returned to the local Chambers so your help may bring more funds back to the Orwell area.

Web Site – Shirley reported that the new website, www.orwellgy-chamber.com is up and running but some business information needs to be updated. Please help us by double checking your information, fill out the new membership card when you mail in your dues, and link your website to ours. You will get separate mailing from Shirley as she tries to make our website stand out.

A motion was made to pay the invoice to PC Repair “Paid In Full” by Kevin M., seconded by Pat Hunter with the request that the old domain name be given to our new Web Server.

Membership – Many old members whose information is not updated may be contacted to verify our webpage information. New members are also going to be sought to inform them of the benefits available through NOACC and other local advantages.

NEW BUSINESS - The Crew, a volunteer group of young people associated with the Conversation Station, are looking for community projects they can do to be involved in the community. The Chamber sign may be one such project. We need someone new for the sign and this may be a project the Crew can do. If you have information which is appropriate for the sign, please email it to the Chamber and the Executive committee will determine how much room and what info will go on the sign.

For the upcoming Home Show, additional posters and raffle tickets need to be copied. A motion was made to spend \$25.00 for posters, tickets, etc for this event by Kevin, seconded by Annette Herbster, motion carried. The Library and Bob Denehan will be consulted for copying these items.

NOACC news – Ed Sutliff will be the person reporting back with NOACC news and attending those meetings. Anthem Insurance does offer discounts to Chamber members if the Insurance is sold through an Insurance Co. that is a Chamber member. Contact us for more details.

Future events like the summer picnic, festival and business expo were mentioned as future events which MUST have committee members if they are to survive.

Welcome to our Newest Member Carol Stormer-Vaux Re/Max Realtor

ATTENDANCE: Pat & Gary Hunter-Conversation Station, Shirley Ulman-J&S Heating, Ed Sutliff-Western Reserve Drawings, Carole Stormer-Vaux Re/Max, Vicki Intihar-Huntington Bank, Diane Giel-Key Bank, Annette & Ken Herbster- Herbster’s Tax Service, Bob Denehan – B & S Publishing, Kevin Mitchell-Middlefield Bank, Gwen Biennas- Gwen’s Catering, Jack Nettis-Orwell Village, Nancy Reider-Who,What,Where,When

