

# THE ORWELL GRAND VALLEY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## MINUTES OF THE JULY 1<sup>st</sup> MEETING

- ATTENDING:** Diane Giel of Grand Valley Country Manor, Larry Bottoms of Nationwide Insurance and Orwell Village, Linda & Don Kristo of Signations, Annette Herbster of Herbster's Tax Service, Pat and Gary Hunter of Conversation Station, Shirley Ulman of J & S Heating, Nancy Reider of McGillacuddy's Paddock, LLC, Ed Sutliff of Western Reserve Drafting, Darlene Parker of Sew It Up!, Jay Davis of Shetler Printing, and Andrew Davis of Grand Valley Public Library.
- MEETING OPENED:** President Diane Giel opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by prayer led by Gary Hunter
- MEETING MINUTES:** Presented by Secretary Christina Smith, motion by Larry Bottoms to accept the minutes as presented (via e-mail and mailing) and seconded by Nancy Reider, motion carried
- TREASURES REPORT:** Presented and read by Treasurer Annette Herbster

### Income Statement

Total income for June	\$1625.00
Total Expenses for June	\$ 124.15
Net income	\$1500.85

### Balance Sheet

Chamber Accounts	\$4200.71
Festival Accounts	\$7853.24
Total Equity	\$12053.95

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

- EXECUTIVE MEETING:** The Executive Board met on Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup>. Discussion included the progress of the directory, web page, and several up-coming chamber events for the year.

The Orwell Village Park Pavilion floor is in serious disrepair and needs new concrete. The job cost could be in excess of \$3000.00 it is the board's recommendation that we contribute the \$1000.00 grant from Ashtabula Visitors Bureau to help offset the cost since the Festival is the primary user of the pavilion and it this would also be a service to the community. Larry will also seek other funding from other local community service groups to defray the cost to the Village. The gutters will need to be replaced. Larry will also be looking into the cost involved with that repair.

The chamber sign at the main intersection is also deteriorated. We are looking into the cost of repairing or replacing the sign box.

The executive board will meet the last Wednesday of the Month, 5:30 at the village hall.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The **Summer Steak Fry Social** will be held at St. Mary's on Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Pricing will still be \$10.00 per person. RSVP Annette Herbster at 440-437-8838 by July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The **Chamber Directory** has gone to print. We should be ready to distribute the books by mid July.

The **Website Committee** announced that the website is up and running...*however, it is still under construction.* The web address is [www.orwellgvchamber.org](http://www.orwellgvchamber.org) . Discussion included current items already posted to the web page and future plans for the web site. The web page will include all event flyers, calendar of events, event forms and applications, our chamber minutes, chamber member directory and etc. A round of thanks was sent out the committee and Josh Hendershott, PC Repair Wiz (who is managing our web page) for getting the project moving so quickly now and doing a great job at it. Shirley Ulman is the chairperson, if you have anything you would like posted to the web site or any suggestions of content for the web page please contact her at her e-mail address. [doghouse3@earthlink.net](mailto:doghouse3@earthlink.net) . Thank you.

**Business after Hours** is still set for October 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Mary's Hall. The committee met and did a lot of brainstorming and is open to ideas.

Schedule of Planning Meetings:

07/09 Wednesday	09/19 Friday	10/23 (Day of the Event)
08/01 Friday	10/03 Friday	
08/22 Friday	10/10 Friday	
09/05 Friday	10/17 Friday	

Meetings are at Herbster's Tax Service at 9:30am. The committee will be notified of any changes to the meeting dates and times.

The **Festival Committee** will meet on Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Festival Grounds at 5:30 pm.

\$200.00 Motion of support for the **Grand Valley Country Manor 4<sup>th</sup> of July** fireworks and community festival was voted on and passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Ed Sutliff to take the **Executive Board's Recommendation** using the \$1000.00 grant from the Ashtabula Visitors

Bureau to repair the park pavilion, seconded by Don Kristo, motion carried.

**Micky Krenek a Grand Valley High School student** has been selected to attend the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference exclusively as an alumnus of the National Young Leaders State Conference. He will be traveling to Washington D. C. for the Inauguration of the 44<sup>th</sup> President and Vice President of the United States a part of the Youth Leadership Council. He will share in five days of activities and events commemorating the presidential inauguration in Washington D.C. He will be attending the inauguration and the Inaugural Parade as the President and Vice President and their families proceed from the United States Capitol Building to the White House. To conclude Inauguration Day he will attend a Black Tie Gala Inaugural Ball.

He will also have the opportunity to explore historic sites in and around our nation's capital, be inspired by keynote speakers, including seven-time Tour de France winner, Lance Armstrong and participate in activities, debates, and roundtable discussions that will expand his understanding of the presidential election process and our nation's democratic principles.

This is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Micky to attend. The trip cost \$2380.00, He is asking our chamber for financial support as he feels this is a wonderful opportunity for him to take with him into his future.

Motion by Linda Kristo to provide \$200.00 financial support to Micky, seconded by Don Kristo, motion tabled for final vote at the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Pat Hunter mentioned that the **Conversation Station** will be raffling a picnic table at the festival this year. The tickets are \$1.00 each the table will be given away on the last day of the festival.

Ed Sutliff spoke about how his business **Western Reserve Drafting**, is picking up and hopefully the housing industry is turning around.

Andrew Davis of the **Grand Valley Public Library** spoke about their ongoing summer reading programs, that they now include adult reading groups as well as the children's reading programs. They will be holding their first Festival Side Walk Book Sale this year during the festival as a fund raiser for the library.

**MEETING SCHEDULED:** August 5<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am at Orwell Village Hall.

**MEETING AJOURNED:** By Diane Giel.

*Respectfully submitted by Annette Herbster Treasurer, on behalf of Christina Smith Secretary*