



ORWELL-GV CHAMBER MEETING

July 20th 2012 7:30 am

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The July Chamber meeting was called to order by Nancy Reider and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. A prayer was given and special mention of those who lost the lives in Colorado on July 20th.

Treasurer's Report: Kevin Mitchell was not able to attend the meeting but a report has been included with the minutes. No report was given. Gary Hunter mentioned that the \$5000.00 donation from Kaufman Tire for the Festival had been received by Kevin but it was in July therefore not on the June balance. Also some of the checks for the festival have started to be written.

Comment from the Membership yard sign that check should be posted to the membership line item instead of Administrative expenses.

Committee Reports: The Chamber Picnic will be held before the Concert in the Park on July 25 at the Pavilion in Chaffee Park at 6 PM. Pulled pork will be provided by the Chamber please bring a dish to pass. Please email Gwen at gwenscateringandmore@yahoo.com to notify her of what you would be bringing and how many people will be attending with you. The more the merrier if we know ahead. Food will then be made available to anyone until we run out.

The Ruritan's are providing the food at the Music in the Park and the Chamber will be providing cheesecake treats and a Chinese Auction of Chamber members donations. If you would like to donate something for the Wednesday evening Chinese Auction please contact Pat Hunter at hunter_pat@hotmail.com

Please help make this a good summer Chamber event by participating.

The Festival Committee reported that everything is coming together, more game vendors would certainly be welcomed. Please think of how you can make the August 17-19 festival more fun and exciting for the community. A positive and wholesome community spirit can have positive effects on the businesses as well. The fireworks, rides, bands, and many activities are already in place. Maybe you can help by manning the Chamber Booth, please email bambushie@yahoo.com to sign up to helping by manning the Chamber booth during the weekend.

Ask how else you can help to make this a successful event.

The Wednesday evening Farmer's Market at the Music in the Park have really started to pick up as produce is becoming more available. The peaches have also been a hit as well as the baked goods. There was discussion of doing a Saturday market as well because some people preferred that. Barb's Hair Fashion has agreed to allow the market to set up in her parking area on Saturday mornings if they desire. That will be worked out between Barb and the sellers.

The NOACC northeast Ohio outing will be July 26th at the Indians game. President Nancy Reider will be attending with husband Jay. The next major NOACC event is Oct 25th, which is the same evening as our Business After Hours so that may be one we do not make, although we have made our two mandatory meeting for the year. Consider putting the NOACC logo on your business flyers if you are a member to show your support.

A Committee for the Business After Hours will be starting to form. Last year Middlefeild Bank was a sponsor for that event and we believe that they will again do that but we will double check with Kevin.

Village Comments: Jack Nettis has been very pleased with the concerts in the park, and with the crowds, and with the atmosphere during these weekly gathering. "This past week a group of teens even sat under the tree for a while then moved to the east side of the park but they where there the entire evening. It looks

like a living Norman Rockwell painting.” Music in the Park continues this week with Long Shotz. A popular upbeat band. He also mentioned the concerts have not cost the Village anything and have worked out very well.

Jack mentioned a new crosswalk would be going on the east side of Chaffee Park as well. Also road work on Rte. 45 will be starting shortly, to which the question was asked about if the road would be repaved before the festival.

Jack will make sure that fact is brought up to the site managers.

NEW BUSINESS: A survey was emailed to all members last week and is attached to the minutes asking the membership what new events they would like to see from our members. It also asks how you might like to be involved. Please take time to think about it and respond to any Board member. With email it is a quick response back and it is done! It is amazing how a little effort and 10 minutes of discussion brought the Chinese Auction to reality. Two hours later, 9 items were secured with a couple more as possibilities to come. Now a few hours to tie it all together and within a 6 hour work span, this event will happen!

Here is the list : Cheesecake(Gwen’s Catering), 2 - 20 minute sessions on Game Truck (CS), 2 Hot Air Balloon Rides (CS) , Gift Basket (Key Bank), Gift Basket (Orwell Village), Food Coupons (Pop’s Country Kitchen), Gift Certificate (Pam’s Hair Magic), Ice Cream Cake (Dairy Queen), Food Coupons to the Farmer’s Market Participants (Farmer’s Market Participants) , and your item here!

Business sharing took place with lots of information to share.

Meeting was adjourn at 8:40 on a motion from Jack Nettis, second Gwen Biennas

ATTENDANCE: Ed Sutliff – WRD, Vicki Intihar – Huntington Bank, Pat and Gary Hunter – CS, Diane Ristimaki – Festival Committee, Gwen Biennas – Gwen’s Catering, Jack Nettis – Orwell Village, Nancy Reider – Who,What,When,Where