



## Orwell – Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce ----- July 30, 2013 ----- Minutes

The Orwell – Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce met for our regular monthly meeting at the Orwell Village Offices at 179 W. Main, Orwell, OH at 5:30 pm.

Members in attendance were Bob Denihan of B& S Publishing; Ed Sutliff of Western Reserve Drafting LLC; Nancy Reider of Who? What? When? Where?; Andrew Davis and Dan Tanner of the Grand Valley Public Library; Gwen Biennas of Gwen's Catering; Diana Ristimaki; and Julie Mordesovich of Orwell Village.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Nancy Reider. She led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gwen Biennas offered a prayer.

A motion was made by Gwen Biennas to accept the minutes from the June 25, 2013 meeting as emailed; Diana Ristimaki seconded; passed.

The treasurer's report was presented by Nancy Reider at Kevin Mitchell's request. Bob Denihan motioned to accept the report as presented; Andrew Davis seconded; passed – 7 yes – 1 no.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Circus – Diana Ristimaki, chair – Follow Up – The Kelly Miller Circus was an outstanding success. We cleared a little over \$2000.00. We presold 452 tickets. According to circus administration – this was a strong advance sale. Due to the heavy rains the land was soft. Our agreement with Mr. Koval was to leave the land "rut free and seeded" if any damage occurred. Landscaper estimates have been requested. We may be covered by circus insurance. It was agreed – it was a benefit to the Chamber's public appearance. There is hope to do it again

Festival – Diana Ristimaki, chair – Rides are coming. Everything is in order. We definitely need bodies for several short shift jobs. Contact Diana.

Community Calendar – continues – Have an event? Contact Gwen.

Ashtabula County Chambers – Nancy Reider, liaison, -- the July meeting was an Executive Meeting of officers.

Reverse Raffle – Bob Denihan, chair. Ticket prices -- \$35.00 per ticket includes dinner and one change at a \$1500.00 grand prize. Nov. 1, ticket cut off date.

NOACC – Nancy Reider, liaison – July 5, 2013 will be a NOACC Indians Game Outing. Nancy will attend. This serves as the second of two required NOACC meeting.

Orwell Village – Julie Mordesovich reported for Jack Nettis – Music concerts continue. Gwen Biennas advised the Chamber will be responsible for food. She will have BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw, chips, and a dessert. Assistance in set up and tear down is requested.

Website – Dan Tanner – co-chair. The website is functioning. Minutes are posted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Business of the Month – For August 2013 the Chamber will focus on the “Journey Through Grand Valley” expo.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

<p>PINE LAKES offered to host a Chamber picnic. September 8, 2013 has been set. It will be a day of fishing, swimming, boating, volleyball, etc.</p>
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Meeting was adjourned by Nancy Reider.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Sutliff, Secretary