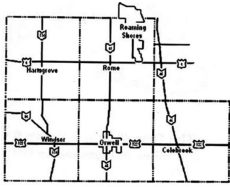


ORWELL – GRAND VALLEY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



P. O. BOX 261 – ORWELL, OHIO 44076 --- www.orwellgv-chamber.com

Minutes – October 29, 2013

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 Nancy Reider of Who? What? When? Where?; Gwen Biennas of Gwen's Catering; Diana Ristimaki; Bob Denihan of B& S Publishing; Ed Sutliff of Western Reserve Drafting LLC; Kevin Mitchell of Middlefield Bank; Jack Nettis and Julie Mordesovich of Orwell Village; Andrew Davis and Dan Tanner of Grand Valley Public Library; Stuart Walker of Davis True Value; and Doris Cook, Editor of The News.

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

A motion was made by Kevin Mitchell to accept the minutes from the September 24, 2013 meeting with one correction. Gwen Biennas seconded; passed.

The treasurer's reports for August 2013 and September 2013 were given. Gwen Biennas motioned to accept the August minutes; Julie Mordesovich seconded; passed. Gwen Biennas motioned to accept the September minutes; Julie Mordesovich seconded; passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP – We welcome a returning member:

Dave Hendershott of FairPoint Communications
P. O. Box 25 / 70 S. Maple – Orwell, OH 44076 (440) 437-6118
dhendersho@fairpoint.net

Change of Ownership / Continued membership:

Cindy Pace of CinDee's Flowers & Gifts (formerly -- J. J. Roses)
P. O. Box 326 / 8220 St Rt 45 – Orwell, OH 44076 (440) 437-8955
cindeeflowersandgifts@gmail.com

New members:

Hartsgrove Community United Church of Christ -- Martha Henry, contact
5260 U S Highway 6 – Rome, OH 44085 (440) 474-4650

Orwell American Legion Auxiliary Post 719
221 N. Maple – Orwell, OH 44076

Tom Martin of Tom's Truck & Auto
8388 Penniman Rd – Orwell, OH 44076 – (440) 437-6541
tommartin117@yahoo.com

FESTIVAL – Diana Ristimaki, chair – Everything is not complete at this time.

CHAMBER ACTIVITY CALENDAR -- Have an event? Contact Gwen Biennas.

ASHTABULA COUNTY CHAMBERS – Nancy Reider, liaison. Ashtabula Area
Chamber resigned from the County Chambers. Home Show – March 7-9, 2114

REVERSE RAFFLE – Bob Denihan, chair. Tickets sales slow. May cancel if sales
do not improve. November 16 – 6:00 pm -- \$35 -- dinner and games.

NOACC – Diana Ristimaki nominated and won Bright Star Award for Grand Valley.
Presentation of award – November 19 – 7:00 pm – Village Offices in Orwell.

ORWELL VILLAGE – Polka Party planned for Jan. 25, 2014; Nettis thanked the
Chamber for summer music sponsorship.

WEBSITE – Andrew Davis and Dan Tanner – library has new software. It may link to
Chamber website to allow additional site manipulation.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS – Kevin Mitchell & Gwen Biennas – 86 attended.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee – Proposed slate of officers for 2014.

For president --- Diana Ristimaki – or – Nancy Reider

For 1st vice president – Bob Denihan

For 2nd vice president – Stuart Walker

For secretary – Ed Sutliff

For treasurer – Kevin Mitchell.

Nominations can be made from the floor – One (1) vote per business / organization. –
Must be present to vote. Election held November 26, 2014 at regular meeting.

Business of the Month – For December – Reel’s Auto Sales – Orwell.

NEW BUSINESS:

Festival relocation – Diana Ristimaki will head a committee to review the school grounds to determine booth, stage, rides, & activity layout.

Circus update – Landscaper, Brad Bellas, from Rock Creek finalized Kovats property work. He filled ruts and reseeded as needed. A bill for \$1000.00 was presented. The Kelly-Miller Circus will reimburse 50%.

Sign posts at the village limits were built by Bob Rogers. They need repairs. It was proposed that the Chamber pay for the materials. We will ask the Ruritans if they will facilitate the repairs.

Adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Sutliff, Secretary