



## Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce February 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Present: Bob Denihan, Stuart Walker, Annette Herbster, Gwen Biennas, Kimberly Herbster, Julie Mordesovich, Roger Herbster, Lynn Herbster, Kevin Collins, Ed Sutliff, Matt Miller, Doris Cook, Pat Hunter, Gary Hunter, Amber Ballard, Patricia Plumley and Jeff Plumley

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Review of January 31st meeting minutes

Motion to approve – Doris Cook

Second the motion – Kimberly Herbster

Treasurer Report – Annette Herbster

Submitted for review

We have found someone to audit our books. Ed Sutliff asked if someone will sit with as they audit. Annette will ask and doesn't think there will be a problem with that.

Correspondence – Gwen Biennas

Received – Memberships– given all to Annette Herbster to process

Email received – Ashtabula Home Show Information – Ashtabula Mall, March 3-5

Email Received – Business Compass Meeting March 6 in Jefferson

Email received Growth Partnership

Chamber Page – March, B & S Publishing

Grand Valley Festival – May 18-21

Joyce Merritt is recruiting bands, groups to participate in the parade

Kimberly Herbster is in charge of bands and most of them are booked. She gave sneak peak on what is being planned for that weekend.

Sneak Peak on Thursday of what is to come.

Opening Ceremony Friday, 5 p.m.

Spaces available for \$35 for the 4 days.

Pat & Gary Hunter will have a problem having someone there for the full time of the festival. A suggestion was made you may leave information when it is unattended. Everyone will try and look out for one another.

There will be Festival Meeting this Thursday, March 2 at the Village Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Volunteers Needed

Re – Cap of Hosting Business Compass Meeting – we had a very delightful young women from the Prevention Coalition – Katie Park. We were hoping for better attendance, there seems to be a problem coming to south county.

How do we bring new members in and how do we get our regular members to attend meeting and participate in Chamber functions? One suggestion if we bring a new business in and join the chamber the original member will be put in a drawing for a free membership the next year.

Julie Mordesovich suggested that maybe we have the Queen of Hearts game at our meetings. It's a small way to raise money for the Chamber and put in the business pockets.

Ed Sutliff asked if anyone has been attending the NOACC events since we get credit for attending. Annette Herbster mentioned that both her and Ken have been attending.

#### Business Roundtable

\* Kevin Collins – Orwell Tool, by GV Tractor they have trailer parts, wood pellets, liquidation from Home Depot.

\*Kimberly Herbster – New Music keeping busy with the Village Concert Series, Bloomfield Musical, also doing web design and is the musical chairperson for the music for the Festival

\*Julie Mordesovich – First Responders, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, April 8

\*Jeff Plumly – professional volunteer, helps at St. Mary, also when Julie needs help. He was a big help for the Business Compass Meeting.

\*Patricia Plumly – volunteer, helps at Country Neighbor and at St. Mary

\*Gary Hunter – Conversation Station, mention that Kevin is a Veteran and thank you for your service. Also, Patricia is also a new volunteer at the CS. He will talk to the Crew Kids on how they can help with Community Service

\*Pat Hunter – Conversation Station, in charge of fundraisers. 2 more weeks of soup/bread. Chinese Auction in April. Will only have 400 tickets. Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact Pat.

\*Matt Miller – doesn't have a business at this time but works with Ed Sutliff

\*Roger Herbster – GV Ruritans, at a lul at this time. Getting ready to help for the Festival and the plant sales

\*Doris Cook – The Gazette – nice to see others here.

\*Annette Herbster – Herbsters Tax Service – very busy: small business taxes, some non-profits, payroll, sales tax, free consultation.

\*Stuart Walker – Davis True Value, waiting for spring

\*Bob Denihan – B & S Publising, the printing business has been really good, new equipment and is in the middle of raffle season.

\*Gwen Biennas – Gwen’s Catering, thank you for asking me to do the Business Compass Luncheon and this dinner meeting, starting to book graduation parties etc... and doing a lot of little things.

A big hand for Gwen Biennas for the nice job the dinner and the luncheon.

Julie Mordesovich asked the CS to help for the Village Concert Series. Gary will check with the Crew and let her know.

Motion Adjourn – Gar Hunter

Second the motion – Roger Herbster

Respectfully Submitted

Gwen Biennas

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