



Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce April 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Present: Bob Denihan, Stuart Walker, Annette Herbster, Ken Herbster, Gwen Biennas, Julie Mordesovich, Roger Herbster, Kevin Collins, Ed Sutliff, Susan Robinson, Amber Ballard and guest Heaven Overton.

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

No minutes at April meeting will have March and April minutes at the next Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

Dr. Nye was not able to make this meeting as our guest speaker

Treasurer Report – Annette Herbster
Submitted for review

Correspondence – Gwen Biennas

Sent out – Received - Middlefield Bank, membership fee
From Jim & Bonnie Plizga for Festival
Survey - NOACC Regional Meeting

Received – email from Becky Creed - to verify our address since the address they had the correspondence (check from NOACC) was returned. Gwen responded promptly.
We received a check from the Home Show for \$175.

Motion to the Chamber of Commerce to donate to the Buckeye Girls State for 4 girls (3 girls from Grand Valley and 1 from Bloomfield \$25 per girl for a total of \$100.

Motion to accept – Ed Sutliff
Second the motion – Amber Ballard

Motion to the Chamber of Commerce not to have a May Chamber of Commerce Meeting since this will be right after the GV Festival and right after Memorial Day.

Motion to accept – Amber Ballard
Second the motion – Gary Hunter

Our next Chamber Dinner Meeting will be on June 27 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Pavilion behind the Orwell Police/Fire Department.

Chamber Page – April, Western Reserve Drafting; May, GV Festival; June, Village of Orwell

Queen of Hearts – explained and taken care of by Julie Mordesovich – Julie started to sell tickets at this meeting.

Grand Valley Festival – May 18-21

- *Stuart Walker went over the proof of the program. Pat Hunter suggested that the ride time be in the program/flyer
- * We will also, have flyers for bag stuffers at various local business.
- *Pre-Sale Tickets – Davis True Value and is looking for other local business to sell them. CS offered to sell presale tickets.
- *May 11 – Nolan Amusements will start to set up
- *Ed Sutliff volunteered to go to the Building Department for the Building Permit
- *Village has been working hard to refresh the pavilion area.
- *Next meeting will be by May 4 at 7:00 p.m. after that another meeting on May 11.
- *Roger Herbster noted that the one electrical panel may need some work.
- *There was a concern that the parade may interfere with Jungle Terry. There may be an overlap but there isn't anything we can do at this time.

Gary Hunter asked the Chamber if we would be interested in supporting the Citizen of the Year since him and Pat have been for 5 years or to pass it over to the Old Brick. The Chamber of Commerce has said to let another organization take care of it since we are very limited on help in any area.

Business Roundtable:

- *Roger Herbster, Grand Valley Ruritans - the Ruritans are looking forward to helping in any way they can with the festival.
- *Gary & Pat Hunter, Conversation Station – Chinese Auction at the Grand Valley School: limited to 400 people. Also, working with DUCK TAPE for upcoming float and projects. Garage Sale Bonanza in Ashtabula all items need to be marked. The CS will first have an indoor garage sale on a donation basis then anything else will be priced and sent to Ashtabula. The CS also received a new ping pong and air hockey table.
- *Ed Sutliff, Western Reserve Drafting – Thank you for making this business the business of the month and he has been recognized for it.
- *Heaven Overton - representing the Jefferson Area Schools Model UN Team, is looking for business to donate for their fundraiser at the GV Festival.
- *Amber Ballard, The Gazette – Festival all 750" of advertising is filled for the flyer/booklet. This will be sent out County Wide.
- *Kevin Collins, Orwell Tool - was appreciated that his business was on the GV Merchant page of the Gazette.

*Julie Mordesovich, First Responders/Legion Auxiliary - The Fire Department will be doing their Chicken Dinner for the Festival. They will also have their wheel. The Fire Department is recruiting they are down to 6 fireman. Don't forget voting on May 2. There will be a soup & bake sale at the voting booth in Orwell.

*Susan Robinson, Sacred Path Candles/Co-owner of B & S Publishing – new fairs coming up and is very busy with the printing business.

*Gwen Biennas, Gwen's Catering – getting ready for Graduation Season. It will be busy. Plans are moving forward with the commercial kitchen. Thank you for asking me to the Chamber Dinners it is very much appreciated.

*Annette Herbster, Herbster Tax Service – shifting gears, it usually take 2 weeks to get back to decompress. Also, helping new business grow – GV. Country Store/Amish Kitchen

*Ken Herbster, Herbster Home Inspection – slow at this time.

*Bob Denihan, B & S Publishing – Printing business is very busy, we still have growing pains, some possible new clients are demanding higher quality and they are try to keep the cost down.

*Stuart Walker, Davis True Value - still there, this is our Christmas. Would like the festival to be finished.

Also noted - Annette Herbster and Bob Denihan will represent our Chamber at the NOACC Meeting at Kalahari at the end of the week.

Motion to adjourn - Gary Hunter

Second the motion – Amber Ballard

Respectfully Submitted

Gwen Biennas

Grand Valley Area

Chamber of Commerce

Secretary