



Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce July 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Present: Bob Denihan, Stuart Walker, Annette Herbster, Ken Herbster Gwen Biennas, Rayne Burr, Julie Mordesovich, Carol Palesh, Barb Klingensmith, Ed Sutliff, Doris Cook and guest Bob Clapper

Pledge of Alliance

Moment of Silence

Review of June meeting minutes with correction of Tom Lueders

Motion to approve – Ed Sutliff

Second the motion – Julie Mordesovich

Treasurer Report – Annette Herbster

Correspondence – Gwen Biennas

Village Update – Julie Mordesovich

*Last Concert is tomorrow at St. Mary with the Chardon Polka Band.

* Dinner is sponsored by St. Mary St. Vincent Charities and refreshments during the concert GVIS.

Business Expo – Gwen Biennas set for Wednesday, July 13 at the Concert in the Park

*Business Flyers were sent in the mail to all the paid Chamber members & Local Service Org.

*We took in \$194 in donations from the food.

*\$25 was reimbursed to Gwen Biennas for the remainder cost of the meat, \$50 to our Chamber account. It was suggested that the remaining \$119 will be given to the Village of Orwell to help defray the balance from the Concert in the Park series. All present Chamber members approved.

*One suggestion is to move closer to the band.

Grand Valley Festival – Stuart Walker

*Committees set – will hand pick committee chairs.

*Parade Chairperson,

*Craft Vendors Chairperson

*We will start having meetings soon.

Ashtabula County Fair Booth – Tuesday, August 9.

*We still need coverage for one shift

*Volunteers: Ed Sutliff, Pat & Gary Hunter, Stuart Walker

NOACC – Annette Herbster

*Energy Program can help reduce our electric bill

*Chamber may get funds from this program.

*Chambers will not be solicited.

*Our Attorney has review them and will not have any effect on our non profit status

*Already proposed – members to approve

*We will ask NOACC to come and present this for our members, with a possible joint meeting with the Middlefield Chamber

*Part of our Chamber benefits

Motion to approve – Carol Palesh

Second the motion – Stuart Walker

Business Social Night – Annette Herbster

*Evening meeting possibly in September at Woody's.

*We need to have a good representation of our Business so it is worth while for them to open just for us.

Business Round Table

Barb Klingensmith – CN picnic at the New Lyme Pavilion

Carol Palesh – small business loans 3.99% fixed rate 5 years

Ed Sutliff – still extremely busy

Rayne Burr –very busy

Gwen Biennas – a bit slower, getting small orders and that's ok.

Annette Herbster – busy, picking up book keeping clients.

Ken Herbster – it's a little slow and there is an online coupon available

Stuart Walker – interesting summer

Bob Denihan – busy, getting things taken care of before surgery.

One final note – Doris Cook

*Ad for the Visitors Bureau - \$250 no later than October 1

* listed in the events - \$50

Motion to adjourn Stuart Walker

Second the motion Ken Herbster

Festival Update – Stuart Walker

*We have a commitment from Nolan Ride Company to come to Orwell but we need to be flexible with the dates.

*We are looking at a 4 day event – May 18-21

*15% to 18% will come back to us in sales

*25% will come back to us in concessions – they have the right to ask that what they bring no one else will be selling.

*no minimum of people to attend

Motion to approve Festival with date change – Kimberly Herbster

Second the motion – Gwen Biennas

Ed Sutliff asked if we will be doing the Circus this year. Maybe 2017.

Orwell Fire Department Event September 10-11 is not a Chamber event and is not covered with our insurance. It will be covered with the Village insurance. Meeting this evening at 6:30 p.m. anyone who would like to help with this event.

Website – Kimberly Herbster

*Website up and running

*3 clicks or less to get where you want to be with business/organizations.

*Please contact Kimberly (info on webpage) if there is anything that needs changes.

Chamber Community Sign – brought to the general membership

*Sign to be used for paid Chamber members

*Everything needs to be in writing and given to Barb Klingensmith at Country Neighbor.

*Barb asked about if there additional information will need to make room and it will be first come first serve on space on sign

Discussion – All in Favor

NOACC – Annette Herbster

*talked to our NOACC Rep. Vickie Hawke they are still discussing Energy Advisors and attaining more information for clarification.

Business Round Table

*Conversation Station – name your own price Yard Sale; generous donations and are not accepting any more at this time. Crew kids are working at the Concert Series for cleanup and selling popcorn etc...

*Kimberly Herbster – New Moon Music – growing nicely, giving lesson.

*Barb Klingensmith – very nice Golf Outing.

*Marie Miller (Ruritans) – flower sale went well, not sure what they will do for the fall.

*Tom Leaders (guest) - architect just opened a new firm – possible new member\

*Julie Mordesovich – planning Chicken Dinner with Fire Department

*Ed Sutliff - very very busy

*Gwen Biennas – very busy June and a few events in July

*Annette Herbster – very business with tax assessments, first year for Workmans Comp.

*Bob Denihan – pretty slow and just keeping busy.

Motion to adjourn - Kimberly Herbster

Second the motion – Joe Varckette

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Biennas
Grand Valley Area
Chamber of Commerce Secretary