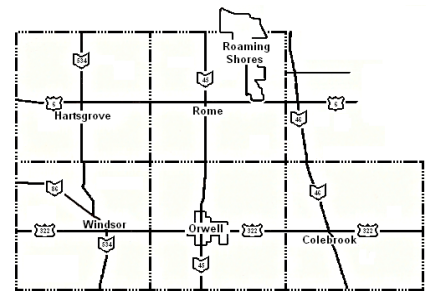




Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce

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Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce February 27 Meeting Minutes

Present: Bob Denihan, Stuart Walker, Ken Herbster, Gwen Biennas, Doris Cook, Susan Robinson, Susan Robinson, Gary Hunter, guest; Cheryle McCourt from "Opal House" and Eric Diamond from NEO Fund.

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Introductions

Eric Diamond from the NEO Fund in Ashtabula - more info www.neofund.org

- *Started 7 years ago from Tim & Alice McCarthy.
- *Buying old buildings and finding business to put in them
- *Eric also is president of Westporte Financial – Economic Development
- *To find the right business that fits your goals.
- *Is there the ability to bring this to south county – Yes!
- *Support for Entrepreneurs
- *They established a Commercial Kitchen so small business have a place to work on their product and help them get started.
- *They do all business that are legal.
- *Will lend to Non-Profits
- *On Facebook

Thank you for coming.

Review of minutes from January Meeting

Motion to accept - Gary Hunter

Second the motion – Stuart Walker

Treasurer Report – Annette Herbster

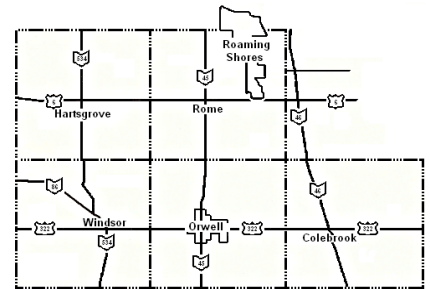
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Correspondence – Gwen Biennas

Outgoing - Emails – meeting reminders info

Incoming emails – Home Show Organizational Meeting, flyers, website link,

March Business Compass,

Bands and/or musicians to perform for the festival all were forwarded to Stuart Walk and Kimberly Herbster

Chamber Envergy Program News

Aris – Port A Pott wanted to give a quote for the festival

Out going – Dr. Bill Nye was sent a sympathy card on the death of his mother

Spotlight Business - February, B & S Publishing; March, Dr. Kenneth Lawrence DDS; April, Ibold & O'Brien, May, Farm Credit.

Gun Drawing Winner - Bob Mason

Festival Committee met at the Orwell Fire Hall – Entertainment Contracts are done for Out of Eden and Rock n Roll. No contract at this time for Fort Huntsburg. The American Legion is not able to help this year. We have approached the Boy Scouts to help with the opening. The parade is Friday to open the Festival. We will also have a Chinese Auction. Gwen Biennas is in charge of this, if you would like to donate towards this please let her know.

Home Show – Bob and Stuart will go Saturday evening. Ed Sutliff will go Sunday afternoon.

We will not have a meeting in March. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 17 here at the OVFD. We are working on revising our Constitution and Bi-laws. We will give keep you updated.

Business Roundtable:

*Susan Robinson, Sacred Path Candles – doing a show in Akron 10-11 of March at the JF Knight Center. April a show in Conneaut and one in Ravenna at the end of the month.

*Doris Cook, The Gazette – just stressing the Home Show

*Gary Hunter, Conversation Station – last chance to get tickets for the Citizen of the Year on April 7, 2018. This is a fundraiser for the Old Brick. Also, only 2 weeks left for the Soup & Bread, on April 28 they are holding their Annual Chinese Auction limit 400 tickets. This is at the Grand Valley School.

*Ed Sutliff, Western Reserve Drafting – didn't have anything in January but now we are getting busy again. Ed also added that the Rome Presbyterian is having a Ham Dinner on March 8 from 4-7 p.m.

*Cheryle McCourt, "Opal House" - looking to expand and help with raising funds.

*Gwen Biennas, Gwen's Catering – busy, Mystery Dinner Theater, Citizen of the Year, Maple Festival Queens Luncheon and getting ready for Graduation Season

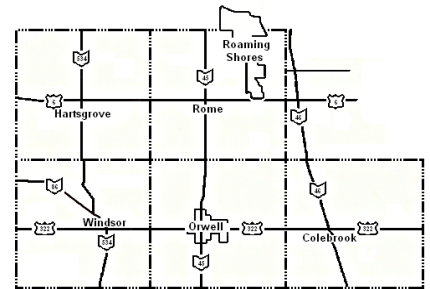
*Ken Herbster, Herbster Home Inspection – the phone is starting to ring.



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*Stuart Walker, Davis True Value – this is our 50th year in the GV Community. We are also renovating the Paint Department and it will be ready for the big paint sale.
Bob Denihan , B & S Publishing - ticket and pamphlet season

Motion to adjourn

First motion - Stuart Walker

Second the motion – Ken Herbster

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Biennas
Grand Valley Area
Chamber of Commerce
Secretary