



Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce June 30, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Present: Bob Denihan, Stuart Walker, Annette Herbster, Gwen Biennas, Kimberly Herbster, Marie Miller, Julie Mordesovich, Barb Klingensmith, Pat Hunter, Gary Hunter, Ed Sutliff, Doris Cook, Joe Varckette and guest Tom Leaders

Pledge of Alliance

Moment of Silence

Review of April meeting minutes.

Motion to approve – Ed Sutliff

Second the motion – Joe Varckette

Treasurer Report – Annette Herbster

See report – will be submitted for review

Correspondence – Gwen Biennas

Thank you from Country Neighbor for supporting the Golf Outing

Sent out letters to all paid Chamber Members and Service Organizations for Business After Hours

Village Update – Joe Varckette

*Concert Series started last week and all went well, 5 more weeks, contributions are not and not understanding why, series cost \$3200 and only \$1500 brought in. Next years committee will start in January. Need fresh ideas. Doris Cook mentioned that in Andover they pass a hat/basket for donations and that is what the band gets no set fee for the bands.

*Paving projects are moving forward

*Looking for grants for the waste water, upgrading signage projects for the Village.

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.

*Have received some donations to defray the cost. All business or organizations who donate will be recognized that evening.

*Invitation Flyers were and will be passed out at the Concert in the Park each Wednesday leading up to the 13th. With the reaction from the Community most are looking forward to it.

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 lessons.
- *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

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Chamber of Commerce Secretary