



Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce November 29, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Present: Stuart Walker, Annette Herbster, Gwen Biennas, Joe Varckette, Kimberly Herbster, Doris Cook and Barb Klingensmith

Pledge of Alliance

Moment of Silence

Review of October 25 meeting minutes

Motion to approve – Joe Varckette

Second the motion – Kimberly Herbster

Treasurer Report – Annette Herbster

Submitted for review

Correspondence – Gwen Biennas

Received – Memberships – given all to Annette Herbster to process

Email received Roundtable Ashtabula County Economic Development

Email received Chamber Energy Update

Email received Growth Partnership

Chamber Page – November, Herbster Home Inspection; December, CinDee's Flower; January, Herbster Tax Service; February, Gallo's Auto; March, B & S Publishing

*We received a new membership Grandview Unlimited LLC from Windsor, Stuart will see if they would like to be April, Spotlight Business

Everlast Roofing is new to the Grand Valley Area and needs to be contacted to join our Chamber.

Grand Valley Festival – May 18-21

Stuart mentioned he held 2 meetings and has gotten a couple new volunteers.

He will not hold any meetings till after the 1st of the year. He will also let Doris Cook know when so it can be published in the paper.

Bi-Laws & Constitution – we are still working on them.

Joe Varckette personally thanked the Executive Board of Directors for all the work they have done to rebuild the chamber and in the community.

We would like to open the floor to any other nominations for officers. No one came forward with any nominations.

Joe Varckette motioned to close the nominations for Officers for 2017. And approve the Slate of Officers of: President – Bob Denihan; First Vice President, Stuart Walker; Second Vice President, Ken Herbster; Treasurer, Annette Herbster and Secretary, Gwen Biennas
Doris Cook seconded the motion.

Any ideas on how to bring in new people to come to the meetings?

January Meeting - Swearing in of officers, guest speaker; Joe Varckette
Round Table – to put the past behind and work towards to continue to keep rebuilding.
Also, What will our goals be for 2017.

Follow Up – Dinner Meeting – Annette Herbster

Would like to do more dinner meeting maybe quarterly.
There are other other venues: Orwell Fire Hall, Rome Fire Hall, Circle Creek Cabin, Country Neighbor.
Country Neighbor can do a dinner meeting, which is more convenient for them.

There will be no January 3 meeting. More information to come. We will talk more about venue, cost at the board meeting and let everyone know the details. The January 31 meeting we will have the swearing in of Officers and Joe Varckette will speak.

There will be no Christmas Party this year.

Business Round Table:

Kimberly Herbster – new service, helping with website development. Also, offering online classes and online tutorials for home schoolers.
Doris Cook – nothing else to report
Barb Klingensmith – Very busy
Joe Varckette – its budget time for the village. Projects for 2017 are on schedule.
Gwen Biennas – helped another business owner with cookie for Small Business Saturday; also helped with Thanksgiving Dinner for a client and will help them with their Christmas Dinner; Mason Dinner on Friday. Also, taking orders for Christmas Candy and Cookies
Annette Herbster – They will be reintroducing Refund Advance Loans. In January business will be picking up again.
Stuart Walker – waiting for the Holiday to be over. True Value is a place to get a small replacement or you need that one more little thing.

Motion to adjourn - Joe Varckette

Second the motion to adjourn – Kimberly Herbster

Respectfully Submitted

Gwen Biennas

Grand Valley Area
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Secretary