



## Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce January 31, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Present: Bob Denihan, Stuart Walker, Ken Herbster, Annette Herbster, Gwen Biennas, Kimberly Herbster, Julie Mordesovicch, Joe, Varckette, Susan Robinson, Ed Sutliff, Doris Cook, Jennifer Ziegler, and Ed Ziegler

Welcome

Pledge of Alliance

Moment of Silence

Oath of Office by Joe Varckette

Guest Speaker – Joe Varckette, Orwell Village Manager

Recap of 2016

Projection for 2017

Doris Cook mentioned that there was no representation from the Village or the Chamber at the last School Board Meeting. Someone from both of these organizations should be there.

Review of November 30th meeting minutes

Motion to approve – Kimberly Herbster

Second the motion – Stuart Walker

Treasurer Report – Annette Herbster

Submitted for review

Correspondence – Gwen Biennas

Received – Memberships – given all to Annette Herbster to process

Email Received – Business Compass Meeting, Friday, January 13, Rock Creek

Email Received – Chamber Networking Night Great Big Home & Garden Show – Feb. 9

Email Received – Ohio Job & Family Services – Community Links

Email received Growth Partnership

Email received – Ashtabula Home Show Information – Ashtabula Mall, March 3-5

Chamber Page – February, Gallo's Auto; March, B & S Publishing

Grand Valley Festival – May 18-21

Joyce Merritt not sure if she will be able to help since she had knee surgery

Kimberly Herbster is in charge of bands and most of them are booked.

Next Meeting – February 9 @7:00 p.m. at the Orwell Village Hall.  
Volunteers Needed

We will be hosting the Ashtabula County Business Compass Meeting on Monday, February 27 at 12 noon. We will have this meeting at the Orwell Village Fire Hall. There was a communication issue of where and when but it is taken care of.

#### Business Roundtable

\*Gwen Biennas, Gwen's Catering – thank you for asking us to do these dinner meetings and the Business Compass Meeting. We are getting very busy with little things. Also, we did food for an employee of the Village who was on LOA.

\*Jennifer Ziegler, Ziegler Day Care – Staying busy

\*Doris Cook, The Gazette – new Ad Rep, Amber

\*Ed Sutliff, Western Reserve Drafting - spring has started. Matt is now full-time and they are both very busy.

\*Rob Herbster, GV Ruritans – things are slow right now. They are ordering flowers for their spring Flower Sales in the GV Area. They are not sure what role will be for the GV Festival. They have 5 new members.

\*Susan Robinson, B & S Publishing and Sacred Path Candles – keeping busy and not wanting to retire.

\*Julie Mordesovich, First Responders – Polka Dinner Dance was held at St. Mary was a huge success. Patrons would like to have this every month. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny no date set at this time. May will be primary voting and their bake sale. The Fire Department will have their Chicken Dinner at the Festival in May.

\*Kimberly Herbster, New Moon Music – interest has come from her Facebook page about music for Home Schoolers. Also, working on tutorials on the internet for music. Also, is working with website building, helping with the Bloomfield High School Musical.

\*Ken Herbster, Herbster Home Inspection – this time of year it is slow. He is also putting out a challenge for everyone attending today, to bring one person to our next meeting as your guest, whether is an associate or another business.

\*Stuart Walker, Davis True Value – January was a “pickle” they keep moving forward.

\*Annette Herbster, Herbster Tax Service – very busy. They are offering a tax refund advance for those who are in need.

\* Bob Denihan, B & S Publishing – investing in a new machine to improve project production.

Ed Sutliff mentioned that we need to support the Home Show in March. We do get reimbursement money. It doesn't take much time.

Motion Adjourn – Ed Sutliff

Second the motion – Joe Varckette

Respectfully Submitted

Gwen Biennas

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Secretary