



**MINUTES**      **Date: March 2, 2010**

**ATTENDING:**      Diane Giel of MG Concrete, Larry Bottoms of Nationwide Insurance and Orwell Village, Annette Herbster of Herbster's Tax Service, Nancy Reider of McGillacuddy's Paddock, LLC, Shirley Ulman of J & S Heating & Cooling, Ed Sutliff of Western Reserve Drafting, Marlin Moschell of Middlefield Bank, Ken Herbster of Herbster's Tax Service, Pat Hunter of the Conversation Station, Vicki Intihar of Huntington Bank, Barbara Klingensmith of Country Neighbor, Gary Hunter of the Conversation Station, Kevin Mitchell of Middlefield Bank, Andrew Davis of Grand Valley Public Library, and William Nye Jr. of Grand Valley Local Schools.

**MEETING OPENED:**      President Diane Giel opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by prayer led by Gary Hunter.

**MEETING MINUTES:**      Presented by Shirley Ulman, motion by Ed Sutliff to accept the minutes as presented (via e-mail and mailing) and seconded by Larry Bottoms, motion carried

**TREASURES REPORT:**      Presented and read by Treasurer Annette Herbster

Income Statement November:

Total income	\$ 95.00
Total Expenses	\$ 85.66
Net income	\$ 9.34

Balance Sheet

Chamber Accounts	\$ 8241.24
Festival Accounts	\$ 4074.71
Accounts Receivable	\$ 0.00
Un-deposited Funds	\$ 45.00
Total Equity	\$12360.95

Motion by Gary Hunter to accept the treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Nancy Reider, motion carried.

**EXEC. COMM:** Executive Committee met February 24th. Minutes were available at the meeting. If you wish a copy of the executive committee meeting minutes, please e-mail me at doghouse3@windstream.net and I will forward a copy to you.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The **Directory Committee** report was given by Nancy Reider in Bob Denihan's absence. The proof reading has been completed. The Calendar is as completed as possible. The new constitution will not be included with this printing of the directory.

The **Citizen of the Year Committee** currently has 5 members. Rosemary Jones has agreed to meet with us as we begin planning this year's event.

The **Constitution Committee** report was given by Gary Hunter. He explained all of the changes that were noted in red ink (indicating a wording change as opposed to a major change in concept or procedure). The Secretary read changes suggested by members not in attendance. The changes in red and other spelling and grammar changes will be made and will become revision 3. Next month, the changes made in blue will be discussed and the vote on the constitution might occur in May.

The first meeting of the **Festival Committee** will be held soon.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Home Show will be held at the Ashtabula Mall from March 5th to the 7th. Several businesses have donated door prizes for the event.

The 2010 budget for the chamber remains a work in progress. The next budget meeting is March 10th at 8:00 A.M. at the Orwell Village Hall. All committee chairpersons are asked to attend.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A request was received from the Grand Valley Elementary PTO for a donation to the walk-a-thon. A motion was made by Larry Bottoms, seconded by Nancy Reider that chamber donate \$25.00. Motion passed.

**BUSINESS NEWS:** Mr. Nye did a presentation on the state of the Grand Valley Schools. The economic downturn and reduced state funding will result in less money for the district. The board of education is seeking community input to help resolve this upcoming problem. For those of you who were unable to attend this chamber meeting but would like to see this presentation, please check the Grand Valley Schools website for information on future meetings.

**Business of the Month:** JJ Roses - Hopefully ready for the website..

**NEXT MEETING:** April 6th 7:30 am at Orwell Village Hall. Please plan to attend.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** By Diane Giel.

*Respectfully submitted by*

*Shirley Ulman, Secretary*

*Important Dates for the Chamber before our next meeting:*

*March 10th- Budget Meeting, 8:00 A.M. Orwell Village Hall - All Committee Chairpersons should attend*

*March 31st- Executive Committee Meeting, 5:30 P.M. Orwell Village Hall*

*April 6th- Chamber Meeting, 7:30 A.M. Orwell Village Hall*

