



## MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

- ATTENDING:** Diane Giel of Grand Valley Country Manor, Larry Bottoms of Nationwide Insurance and Orwell Village, Annette Herbster of Herbster's Tax Service, Pat and Gary Hunter of Conversation Station, Shirley Ulman of J & S Heating, Nancy Reider of McGillacuddy's Paddock, LLC, Ed Sutliff of Western Reserve Drafting, Andrew Davis of Grand Valley Public Library, Marlin Moschell of Middlefield Bank, Nicole Jablonski of Grand Valley Country Manor, Helen Ward of Curves of Orwell, Bill Nye of Grand Valley Schools, Randy Bennett of Orwell Printing, and Bob Deniham of B & S Publishing.
- MEETING OPENED:** President Diane Giel opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by prayer led by Marlin Moschell
- MEETING MINUTES:** Presented by Annette Herbster (Provisional Secretary), motion by Larry Bottoms to accept the minutes as presented (via e-mail and mailing) and seconded by Helen Ward, motion carried
- TREASURES REPORT:** Presented and read by Treasurer Annette Herbster
- Income Statement
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|----------------------------|------------|
| Total income for September | \$ 224.44  |
| Total Expenses for July    | \$1125.89  |
| Net income                 | \$(901.45) |
- Balance Sheet
- |                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Chamber Accounts  | \$2823.86 |
| Festival Accounts | \$1646.42 |
| Undeposited Funds | \$ 75.00  |
| Total Equity      | \$7230.46 |
- Motion by Gary Hunter to accept the treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Larry Bottoms, motion carried.
- EXECUTIVE MEETING:** The Executive Board met on Wednesday October 1st. Discussion included the progress of the directory, web site, Dinner Dance and Business After Hours/Taste of Grand Valley.
- The executive board will meet the last Wednesday of the Month, 5:30 at the village hall.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival Tee-Shirts** are still available, contact Diane or Annette for sizes available.

The **Website Committee** announced the web site is finished. The web address is [www.orwellqvchamber.org](http://www.orwellqvchamber.org) . Please take a minute to look at what we completed.

Shirley Ulman is the chairperson, if you have anything you would like posted to the web site or any suggestions of content for the web site please contact her at her e-mail address. [doghouse3@earthlink.net](mailto:doghouse3@earthlink.net) . Thank you.

**Business after Hours/Taste of Grand Valley** is set for October 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Mary's Hall. There is still time to send in your reservations, the proof of insurance has been waived as the event falls under the chamber's insurance policy. Please contact Annette Herbster if you would like to attend or if you need any additional information.

## NEW BUSINESS:

We would like to welcome a few **new members** to the chamber Ashlo, LLC Lori Bunch Owner, B & S Publishing Bob Denihan Owner, Orwell Printing Randy Bennett Owner, and Taste of Soul James Williams Owner.

The **Festival Committee** will meet on Monday October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall 5:30 pm for a wrap up meeting and planning for 2009

The **Winter Chamber Party** is scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Hall. 5:30 Social 6:00 Dinner.

November **Business Of The Month** is Gilmour & Son Construction. Look for the business of the month at our web site.

The **Chamber Directory 2<sup>nd</sup> edition** will be started in the next few months, please read the cover letter in the directory and submit changes by the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting by mailing the changes to the chamber address.

Shirley Ulman reported that **Workers Comp rates** will be increasing even if you are currently in a group rating program. She stressed the importance of becoming more aware of the programs available to help keep the cost of Workers Comp low. Some of the additional programs available include Safety Council, Drug Free Work Place, and \$15,000.00 Medical Claim Only. Writing to our political leaders stressing the expense involved within the Workers Comp Program is causing businesses to close and costing Ohioan's their jobs.

## **BUSINESS NEWS:**

**Grand Valley Public Library** is pleased to announce of a few changes in our Adult Programming. The library is now offering:

### ***Grand Valley Public Library Knitting & Crocheting Group***

If you love to knit or crochet, our group is for you! The 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month from 6 pm to 8 pm come and join us. No lessons, but lots of chat and fellowship. From beginners to pros, all ages, all genders, ALL WELCOME. Free.

Please call or visit the library to register.

### ***Grand Valley Public Library's Stampers and Scrappers***

Do you scrapbook or rubber stamp and want to craft with others? Well then come and join the GVPL Stampers & Scrappers on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday** of the month and/or the **4<sup>th</sup> Friday** of the month from **7:00 pm to 11:00 pm**. Bring your own craft supplies & enjoy the fellowship of other crafters! Bring your Own Snacks (BYOS) for one or to share! Please call or visit the library to register for either or both nights of fun.

### ***Grand Valley Public Library Book & Audio-Book Discussion Group***

Have you ever wanted to be in book discussion but just don't seem to have the time to read a book, or maybe you're on the road every day commuting back and forth for work. Well GVPL is starting a book discussion group for readers and listeners. Come join us on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday from 6 pm to 8 pm**. Please call or visit the library to Register for this Group Purdue University partners with Grand Valley Public Library to recognize veterans

The Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University (MFRI) is partnering with Grand Valley Public Library in Ashtabula County to present the Our Heroes' Tree initiative. Through this program, MFRI and Grand Valley Public Library are working to honor past and present service members and create an awareness of military families currently affected by deployment.

"Libraries are an integral part of Indiana & Ohio communities, providing valuable education and raising awareness of current events to improve the quality of life for all citizens," said Kathy Broniarczyk, director of outreach for MFRI. "This program allows libraries and communities to reach out to a segment of the local population – military members and their families – to demonstrate their support and understanding. MFRI is excited to partner with libraries across the states on the Our Heroes' Tree initiative."

Our Heroes' Tree is a national program founded to recognize and honor the sacrifices of current service members, Veterans, and deceased service members. MFRI is proud to launch the initiative in libraries statewide. Participating libraries will display a tree featuring handmade ornaments created by community members to honor a service member. Libraries will also provide resources to help these communities provide

support and generate a greater understanding of the experiences of servicemen and women and their families.

To participate in the Our Heroes' Tree initiative, simply create a handmade ornament honoring the service member in your family or community from past and present wars, conflicts, or peacetime operations. Bring the ornament to Grand Valley Public Library during the month of October where it will be placed on the tree with other ornaments. Stories about individual service members can also be submitted and displayed in a binder near the tree. In November, the ornaments will be a part of the Indiana State Heroes' Tree that will be unveiled at the Indiana State Library and the Indiana State Virtual Heroes' Tree will launch for viewing on the web at [www.cfs.purdue.edu/mfri/VirtualTree](http://www.cfs.purdue.edu/mfri/VirtualTree).

Purdue University and libraries statewide are excited to launch this initiative in a continued effort to promote patriotism throughout Indiana and the Grand Valley communities. To learn more, contact Grand Valley Public Library at 440-437-6545 or Samantha Lucy, director of communications for MFRI, at 765-496-6027 or [slucy@purdue.edu](mailto:slucy@purdue.edu).

**Contact: Grand Valley Public Library 440.437.6545**

**Trick or Treat at Grand Valley Country Manor** October 25<sup>th</sup> 2 4pm.  
Contact Grand Valley Country Manor for more information.

**Conversation Station Telethon** is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of October. Call Pat Hunter at the Conversation Station for more details.

**Middlefield Bank** is hosting a customer appreciation day on Friday October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Please** help support our Fall Dinner Dance. This fund raiser is used to support various chamber business activities and community support throughout the year. All chamber members were mailed 3 dinner dance tickets. Please support your chamber by purchasing these tickets or selling them to your business associates, employees or personal associates. These tickets would make a wonder business associate or employee appreciation gifts (you can use as a business expense tax write off).

We also need Chinese Auction donations and volunteers to work at the dinner dance. Please contact Diane Giel or Annette Herbster.

**NEXT MEETING:**

November 4<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am at Orwell Village Hall. Please plan to attend! Nomination of Officers will be held at this meeting.

**MEETING AJOURNED:** By Diane Giel.

*Respectfully submitted by Annette Herbster Treasurer, (Provisional Secretary)*