



Oley Valley Business Association

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December Meeting

Our next meeting will be on December 19 at 7 AM at the Oley Legion Diner.

OVBA Application

If you are giving an OVBA application to someone interested in joining the association, please be sure to print out the latest version from our website. There is a link to access it at the top of the "new member" page.

Treasurer's Report

Oley Valley Business Association Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$3,710.49
Interest 11/30/05	1.02
SubTotal	\$3,711.51
Expenses	
Peripheral Systems #10517	16.40
Terre Trophy Co (Hoch)	66.25
Total Expenses	\$ 82.65
Balance as of 11/30/05	\$3,628.86

*Respectfully submitted,
Minerva S. Hoppes, Treasurer*

Minutes

General Membership Meeting Minutes November 28, 2005

Call to Order

The November meeting of the Oley Valley Business Association was held at the Yellow House Hotel at 6:30 PM. President Bill Griffith called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM after dinner was served.

Minutes & Treasurer's Report

A motion to accept the minutes as published in the November newsletter was made by John Varady and seconded by Mike McCarthy. The motion carried.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Lloyd Hopkins. The motion carried.

Attendance

The total attendance for the meeting was 24 members and guests. 13 member businesses were represented.

Program

Harold Hoch from the Boyertown Times was presented with a plaque honoring his “many years of service documenting life in the Oley Valley through his photography.” Harold has been a photographer for *The Boyertown Times* since 1970, and can always be counted on to cover events in our area – giving the Association and the area recognition in the *Times*.

Kevin Bieber introduced the speakers for our Program: Dr. Jeff Zackon, Superintendent of the Oley Valley School District, and Steve Boyer, head track coach and a teacher at Oley Valley H.S. They discussed the **Oley Valley Community/School District Track Project** that is currently underway.

The goals of this project are:

1. Involve the school and local community in the entire project.
2. Remove the existing gravel track at OVHS.
3. Install a new all-weather track and new all-weather jumping surfaces, made from a synthetic, rubberized material; preferably 8 lanes on the track.
4. Install a 4-foot-high fence around the new track to keep out ATVs and snowmobiles but keep it available to the public.

Reasons why the track needs to be replaced:

1. The existing track is a 440-yard track – but the current standard for meets is metric (400 meters). So Oley Valley students can't have home meets – they only have 1 per year right now.
2. There are more injuries on gravel surfaces.
3. Gravel surfaces are at the mercy of the weather.
4. In addition, building this all-weather track would give OVSD the ability to host invitational meets that could potentially bring in additional revenue to the area.

The plan is to get funding finalized by January 2006, have construction in Summer/Fall 2006, with the new track in place by Spring 2007.

The cost for everything except the fence (earth-moving, drainage, grading, installation, marking, etc.) is estimated at \$450,000. The OVSD has committed to funding at least 50% of the project. There have been pledges so far of between \$75,000 and \$100,000. The local community, businesses and alumni are being asked to help with the rest through donations and pledges.

The Oley Valley Community Education Foundation is managing pledges and donations. Pledge forms were available at the meeting, and can be obtained from the Foundation or Track Project Steering Committee members (including: Kevin Bieber, Kyle Blankenbiller, Steve Boyer, Wayne Weidner, Bill Christman, Pastor Scott Evans, Linda Suydam and Lloyd Zook).

Pledges are deductible from Federal Income Taxes when itemized in accordance with IRS regulations. They can accept gifts of cash or appreciated stock. By donating stock, you can fulfill your pledge and enjoy a charitable deduction of the current value of the stock and avoid paying capital gains.

<i>Committee Reports</i>	No Committee Reports made at this meeting.
<i>Old Business</i>	No Old Business discussed at this meeting.
<i>New Business</i>	The next meeting has been changed from December 26 to December 19, at 7 AM at Oley Legion Diner.
<i>Adjournment</i>	<p>A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Respectfully submitted, Sharon Morrow, Secretary</i></p>
<i>Humor from Tom Mitchell</i>	<p>My black friend had 3 arguments that Jesus was Black:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He called everyone "brother" 2. He liked Gospel 3. He couldn't get a fair trial. <p>My Jewish friend had 3 arguments that Jesus was Jewish:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He went into His Father's business. 2. He lived at home until he was 33. 3. He was sure his Mother was a virgin, and his mother was sure he was GOD. <p>My Italian friend gave his 3 arguments that Jesus was Italian:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He talked with his hands. 2. He had wine with every meal. 3. He used olive oil. <p>My California friends had 3 arguments that Jesus was a Californian:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He never cut his hair. 2. He walked around barefoot all the time. 3. He started a new religion. <p>My Irish friend then gave his 3 arguments that Jesus was Irish:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He never got married. 2. He was always telling stories. 3. He loved green pastures. <p>BUT my LADY friend had most compelling evidence that Jesus was a WOMAN:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He fed a crowd at a moment's notice when there was no food. 2. He kept trying to get a message across to a bunch of men who just didn't get it. 3. And even when he was dead, he had to get up because there was more work to do.

*From the
Kutztown
Area
Chamber of
Commerce*



**Christmas Party
December 16, 2005
12:00 PM
Kutztown Tavern**

Please join your fellow Kutztown Area Chamber of Commerce members in celebrating the Holidays at the Kutztown Tavern.

The cost for members is only \$15.00 thanks to the sponsorship of Lehigh Valley Hospital.

The “all you can eat” buffet includes the following:

**Italian Wedding Soup
Salad Bar
Vegetables
Herb Marinated Chicken Breast
Roasted Sliced Sirloin
Apple or Cherry Pie Ala Mode**

The entertainment will be provided by the “Women’s Chorus”, a group of young women from Fleetwood School District who will be singing wonderful Holiday Songs and “The Perfect Santa”, for those of you who have not had the time to send him your list.

**The Chamber has invited members of the
Northern Berks Chamber and the Oley Valley Business Association
to join us in ushering in the Holidays**

LAST CHAMBER EVENT OF THE YEAR

RSVP, DECEMBER 13, 2005

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