



Oley Valley Business Association

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January Meeting

Our next meeting will be a business meeting at 7:00 AM on January 30, 2006, 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	\$3,628.86
Interest 12/31/05	1.24
SubTotal	\$3,630.10
Expenses	
Peripheral Systems #10570	15.13
Total Expenses	\$15.13
Balance as of 12/31/05	\$3,614.97

*Respectfully submitted,
Minerva S. Hoppes, Treasurer*

Minutes

General Membership Meeting Minutes December 19, 2005

Call to Order

The December meeting of the Oley Valley Business Association was held at the Oley Legion Diner at 7:00 AM. Vice President Doug Kramer called the meeting to order at 7:10 AM. He gave out two Christmas CD's that were intended for the Mixer that was cancelled. Winners were: Anne Kern and Lloyd Hopkins.

*Minutes &
Treasurer's
Report*

A motion to accept the minutes as published in the December newsletter was made by Lloyd Hopkins and seconded by Tom Mitchell. The motion carried.

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

Attendance

The total attendance for the meeting was 12 members, including 2 from the Oley Valley H.S. Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). 10 member businesses were represented.

Program

This was a business meeting, with no program scheduled.

*Committee
Reports*

*NOTE: The
Nominating
Committee's
report follows the
minutes.*

Program Committee

Kevin Bieber announced that the January 30 meeting would be a Business meeting at 7 AM.

The February 27 meeting will be held at noon, no speaker is available yet.

March 27 will be a 6:30 PM meeting, with guest speaker Crystal Seitz, President of the Reading and Berks County Visitors Bureau.

April 24 will be a 7 AM Business meeting.

Locations will be announced as Bill Griffith determines them.

Scholarship Committee

Doug Kramer asked that the scholarship information on the website be checked to make sure it's ready for this year's scholarship applications. He also agreed to contact Amy Kohut Sanders to see if the printer cartridge recycling program was still active. (It was later determined that it IS still active. Ink cartridges can be dropped off at Sovereign Bank in Oley.) The proceeds from this recycling effort are added to the scholarship fund.

Nominating Committee

Tom Mitchell submitted the finalized Nominating Committee report, with nominees for the 2006 membership year. Committee members were Tom Mitchell and Scott Williams. A motion to accept the report was made by Lloyd Hopkins and Mike McCarthy; the motion carried.

A motion to open up nominations from the floor was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Mike McCarthy; the motion carried. No nominations were made from the floor, so a motion to close the nominations was made by Mike McCarthy and seconded by Maryanne van der Velde; the motion carried.

It was later discussed that our bylaws require that the nominees be presented on a ballot and sent to all members, regardless of the number of members running for each office. Since write-in nominations are allowed on that ballot, a motion to keep the ballot open until the January business meeting was made by Tom Mitchell and seconded by Lloyd Hopkins; the motion carried.

Minerva Hoppes agreed to work with Peripheral Systems to get the ballots mailed at the same time that the invoices for next year's dues are mailed. Included in the ballot will be replacements for the two Executive Board members - Roxanne Stauffer and Scott Williams - who are stepping down after their designated 1-year of service.

Old Business

Oley Valley Community Track

Kevin Bieber asked if the Association held any discussion concerning a pledge for the Oley Valley Community Track, after their presentation at the November meeting. Sharon Morrow moved that the Association pledge \$1000 towards the project. Kevin Bieber seconded it; the motion carried. Kevin said no check was needed at this time, but a pledge form needed to be submitted.

Christmas in the Valley

Minerva Hoppes reported that she had not yet received an invoice from Christmas in the Valley for the postage costs that the Association offered to cover. Roxanne Stauffer will be contacted to find out the status.

2006 Dues

A survey was supposed to be distributed to the membership in November to get input on the possible increase of dues for the 2006 membership year, as well as ask for input on "signature events" for the Association. Since that didn't happen, but the dues invoices need to be sent out, a motion was made by Tom Mitchell to increase the dues to \$50 for the upcoming year. Maryanne van der Velde seconded it, and the motion carried. This is only a \$15 increase over 2005, but will allow the Association to fund additional projects that will benefit the members as well as the Community. Even with the increase, our dues are less than most Associations. Any member who questions the increase or the benefit received from their dues, should contact one of the Officers or Executive Board members with their suggestions for projects and/or improvements.

Minerva Hoppes, Treasurer, will coordinate the invoice mailing with Peripheral Systems. Doug Kramer requested that there still be a separate line item on the invoice for Scholarship contributions.

It was also requested that the Executive Board meet to discuss and suggest one or more "signature events" the Association could sponsor going forward.

FBLA

David Hoffman, FBLA Advisor for Oley H.S., reported that there is still a need for judges for the FBLA Spring Competition on January 25, 2006 (snow date February 1, 2006) at Oley. He asked that anyone interested please contact him as soon as possible.

New Business

Lloyd Hopkins announced his resignation from the Berks County Planning Commission.

The next meeting will be a business meeting at 7 AM on January 30, 2006, location to be determined.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stu Kern and seconded by Maryanne van der Velde. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 AM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Morrow, Secretary*

*Nominating
Committee
Report*

Each of the following individuals has been contacted by the Nominating Committee, and each agrees to serve as follows.

President William Griffith
Vice President Douglas Kramer
Secretary Sharon Morrow
Treasurer Minerva Hoppes

Members of the Board of Directors:
Stu Kern and Dr. Jeff Zackon

*Board members continuing to serve:
Wilma Leininger, Tom Mitchell, Frank Morgan*

*Board members whose term expires December 30, 2005:
Roxanne Stauffer, Scot Williams*

We thank those who offer to serve and those who have served so well.

Nominating Committee
Tom Mitchell and Scot Williams

*Humor from
Tom
Mitchell*

Consider these three thoughts:

Zero Gravity

When NASA first started sending up astronauts, they quickly discovered that ballpoint pens would not work in zero gravity. To combat this problem, NASA scientists spent a decade and \$12 billion developing a pen that writes in zero gravity, upside-down, on almost any surface, including glass, and at temperatures ranging from below freezing to over 300 C. The Russians used a pencil. Your taxes are due again—enjoy paying them.

Our Constitution

"They keep talking about drafting a Constitution for Iraq. Why don't we just give them ours? It was written by a lot of really smart guys, and it's worked for over 200 years. And we're not using it anymore."

Ten Commandments

The real reason that we can't have the Ten Commandments in a Courthouse is that you cannot post "Thou Shalt Not Steal," "Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery" and "Thou Shall Not Lie" in a building full of lawyers, judges and politicians... It creates a hostile work environment.