



Oley Valley Business Association

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June Meeting

Our next meeting will be **Monday, June 27 at 7:00 a.m. at the Oley Legion Diner.**

Our speaker will be Dave Kessler, Oley Township Supervisor.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	6,229.63
Interest (04/30/05)	1.54
Dues (6) (1 - Donation 20.00)	<u>230.00</u>
SubTotal	6,461.17

Expenses:

Sharon Morrow - Website	95.40
Peripheral Systems #10152	46.39
Oley Community Benefit Assoc (Pot Pie Dinner)	100.00
Oley Valley Community Fair (Bench)	100.00
Oley Valley Community Fair (Ad)	220.00
Bill Griffith (2 Speakers Dinners)	38.12
ECM Insurance - 2005	<u>258.00</u>
Expense Total	857.91
Ending Balance (04/30/05)	<u>\$5,603.26</u>

Beginning Balance	5,603.26
Interest (05/31/05)	<u>1.56</u>
SubTotal	5,604.82

Expenses:

Peripheral Systems #10213	20.15
Balance as of May 31, 2005	<u>\$5,584.67</u>

*Respectfully submitted,
Minerva S. Hoppes, Treasurer*

May 23, 2005

Call to Order

The May meeting of the Oley Valley Business Association was held at the Yellow House Hotel, scheduled for 6:30 PM. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by President Bill Griffith.

Minutes & Treasurer's Report

A motion to accept the minutes as published in the May newsletter was made by Oscar Egolf and seconded by Stu Kern. The motion carried.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Oscar Egolf and seconded by Scot Williams. The motion carried.

Attendance

The total attendance for the meeting was 15 members and 1 non-member guest. 12 member businesses were represented.

Program

Our guest speaker was PA Representative Dennis Leh (District 130). Some items discussed include:

Act 72 (Property tax reduction proposal)

Act 71 legalized slot machines, and Act 72 proposes how slot machine revenue can be used to reduce school property taxes. As of May 23, 104 school districts had formally opted out, and 40 had formally opted in, out of 501 school districts in Pennsylvania. The rest have to make a decision by May 30. Many are against the legislation because they feel that gaming money shouldn't be used to fund education and/or that it won't provide meaningful tax relief. Rep. Leh reported that legislation has been proposed to make it mandatory to participate. The Finance Committee, of which Rep. Leh is Chair, is against this legislation.

Commonwealth Caucus Plan (Sales tax proposal)

Rep. Leh reported that this plan is moving forward slowly as they wait for Act 72 to play itself out. The figures originally proposed were re-checked in April by a Florida group and Economy.com, and they say the figures still check out.

Unitary Combined Reporting

The Governor wants to eliminate the holding company loophole, but in order to do that; a move to "unitary combined reporting" is required. Only 2 states east of the Mississippi have gone to this. The definition of unitary varies among the states, but is basically where all the assets and profits are divided among the various entities within the Holding company, and taxed accordingly. Rep. Leh agrees it should be looked at, but if not done right, it could have a negative impact on the Pennsylvania economy – driving companies into litigation with the Department of Revenue. As such, it could take 3-5 years to implement.

Pending Republican Bills

Rep. Leh reported that they are working on various bills that make up what they call the “Keystone Manufacturing Initiative Plan”. These bills revolve around taxes, healthcare, workman’s comp and unemployment comp.

Committee Reports

Scholarship

Doug Kramer reported that the Committee had 15 applications, and decided to award two \$500 scholarships because there was a tie between two students after the judging took place. The presentation was scheduled for the following Tuesday after this meeting.

Mixer

Frank Morgan reported that the Mixer will be held on Thursday, July 14, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM, at Union Jack’s on the Manatawny. Union Jack’s will be providing hors d’oeuvres, and there will be a cash bar. It may be held outside if weather permits.

Pot Pie Dinner

Sharon Morrow read a faxed report from Wilma Leininger, as follows:

“I want to thank everyone who helped Saturday/Sunday at the Pot Pie Dinner and who sold tickets or bought tickets. Over 1,400 tickets were sold. Not as many as last year but that was very good. The recipients each received \$2,648.42. The Junior Class did a good job helping both days, and selling the tickets. The officers came to the meetings so they could know what to do. The next Pot Pie Dinner will be March 26, 2006. Snow date April 2, 2006.”

Oley Fair

Doug Kramer reported that the committee would start meeting within a few weeks.

Old Business

Board of Directors

Bill Griffith reported that the Board of Directors had met once since the election. Sharon Morrow asked if minutes would be produced from those meetings and shared with the membership, and Bill stated that those would be forthcoming.

New Business

No new business.

Adjournment

Stu Kern moved to adjourn the meeting; Linda Williams seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Morrow, Secretary*

*Humor
from
Tom
Mitchell*

Foxworthy on Pennsylvania

If you consider it a sport to sit in a tree stand all day long with a bow or a gun just to put food in your freezer, you might live in Pennsylvania.

If you're proud that your region makes the national news 96 nights each year because Bradford is the coldest spot in the nation, you might live in Pennsylvania.

If your local Dairy Queen is closed from November through March, you might live in Pennsylvania.

If you instinctively walk like a penguin for five months out of the year, you might live in Pennsylvania.

If someone in a store offers you assistance, and they don't work there, you might live in Pennsylvania, cause you're all so damn friendly.

If your dad's suntan stops at a line curving around the middle of his forehead, cause he wears a hardhat, you might live in Pennsylvania.

If you have worn shorts, sunglasses and a parka at the same time, you might live in Pennsylvania.

If your town has an equal number of bars and churches, or if you are in church and your priest or minister asks you to pray for the STEELERS, and wants to get you all home for 1 p.m. kickoff, you might live in Pennsylvania.

If you have had a lengthy telephone conversation with someone who dialed a wrong number, you might live in Pennsylvania.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A TRUE Pennsylvanian WHEN:

1. "Vacation" means going up north past I-80 for the weekend.
2. You measure distance in hours.
3. You know several people who have hit a deer more than once.
4. You often switch from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day and back again.
5. You can drive 65 mph through 2 feet of snow during a raging blizzard, without flinching.
6. You see people wearing camouflage at social events (including weddings).
7. You install security lights on your house and garage and leave all the doors unlocked.
8. You carry jumper cables in your car and your girlfriend knows how to use them.
9. You design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.
10. Driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow.

11. You know all 4 seasons: almost fall, winter, still winter and road construction.
12. You can identify a southern or eastern accent.
13. Your idea of creative landscaping is a concrete statue of a deer next to your blue spruce.
14. You were unaware that there is a legal drinking age.
15. Down South to you means MORGANTOWN W.V
16. A critter is something you eat.
17. Your neighbor throws a party to celebrate his NEW FORD F150
18. You go out to fish fry every Friday, and bingo every Wednesday.
19. You're 4th of July picnic was moved indoors due to frost.
20. You have more miles on your snow blower than your car.
21. You find 0 degrees "a little chilly."
22. You actually understand these jokes, and you forward them to all your Pennsylvania friends.

*More
Humor*

Explaining High Fuel Prices

A lot of folks can't understand how we came to have an oil shortage here in America. There's a very simple answer. Nobody bothered to check the oil. We just didn't know we were getting low.

The reason for that is purely geographical. Our oil is located in places like Alaska, California, Oklahoma, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas.

But our "dipsticks" are located in Washington, D.C.!!!!

A friend of mine was at a college football game last fall when he heard a student challenge a senior citizen sitting next to him, saying it was impossible for the older generation to understand the younger generation. "You grew up in a different world," the student said loud enough for the whole crowd to hear. "Today we have television, jet planes, space travel, man has walked on the Moon, our spaceships have visited Mars, we even have nuclear energy, electric and hydrogen cars, computers with light-speed processing . . . and, uh"

Taking advantage of the pause in the student's litany, the elderly gentleman said, "You're right. We didn't have those things when we were young. So we invented them, you little twit! What the heck are you doing for the next generation?"