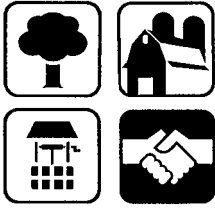


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November Meeting

Our next OVBA meeting will be November 27, 2006, at 7 PM at the Pleasantville Inn. The speaker will be State Representative Dennis Leh, with our annual update on what is happening in Harrisburg. This is always a very informative meeting and provides members with an opportunity to make their concerns known. It will also be Dennis' last time with us before leaving office. Plan to attend.

Upcoming Meetings

December 18, 2006 - Bill Griffith will check with Frank Morgan about the possibility of holding a "mixer" instead of a regular meeting. Since Christmas falls on the last Monday of December, this would have to be held on December 18. Watch the website for more information.

January 29, 2007 - Breakfast business meeting. 7:00 am; location to be determined.

February 26, 2007 - Evening meeting, starting at 6:00 pm. We will be having the dinner and the meeting at the Oley Fire Company Social Hall. Menu is still to be determined. Our speaker for the evening will be Mike Reinhard from National Penn Bank. Mike is in charge of the finance and investment banking area. He will be discussing the economy and the outlook for 2007. He will give a good presentation, which will be of value to both large and small business people.

March 26, 2007 - This will be 12:00 noon lunch meeting; location to be determined. The speaker will be Alison Snyder who is the Personnel Director at East Penn Manufacturing (Deka Batteries). She will speak on the do's and don'ts of hiring and other personnel matters.

April 30, 2007 - Breakfast business meeting. 7:00 am; location to be determined.

Please check future newsletters and/or the website for locations and any changes.

Call to Order

The October 30, 2006, meeting of the Oley Valley Business Association was held at the Oley Legion Diner at 7:00 AM. President Bill Griffith called the meeting to order at 7:10 AM.

Attendance

The total attendance for the meeting was 12 members. 11 member businesses were represented.

*Minutes and
Treasurer's Report*

A motion to accept the minutes as published in the October newsletter was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Stu Kern. The motion carried.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as published in the October newsletter was made by Carol Meeker and seconded by Sharon Morrow. The motion carried.

Treasurer Minerva Hoppes reported that the Oley Fair Booth Committee had decided to pay the additional \$100 fee in order to keep our booth up year-round. Kevin Bieber explained that this fee is to offset lost rental fees, since space in the Fair building is rented out off-season to store boats and other recreational vehicles. If the Association would not approve that expense, there were members prepared to donate money to cover it, because of the time and effort it would save setting up the booth each year.

Wilma Leininger moved to approve the expense. Andrew Kent seconded it, and the motion carried.

Sharon Morrow presented the Committee and Treasurer's recommendation that we produce the "directory booklets" in April of each year, once membership dues have been paid, instead of waiting until the Oley Fair. This means that members who do not pay their dues by March 31 will not be included in the current year directory booklet that will be handed out prior to and during the Oley Fair. This recommendation did not require a member vote, but will be implemented.

*Committee
Reports*

Program Committee

Kevin Bieber and Stu Kern reported on upcoming meetings:

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Scholarship

Doug Kramer asked that we check to make sure the online application is ready for new applicants for the 2007 scholarship. He suggested that we change the instructions for the essay so that it is relevant to business in the Oley Valley rather than their future endeavors, as was used in the past.

Old Business

Hershey Contest Sponsorship

Kevin Bieber reported that OVBA's sponsorship of the Hershey Baking Contest at the Oley Fair went over very well. They had over 43 chocolate cakes entered, and 27 entries in the Junior Contest.

Track Project

Kevin Bieber reported that the track project is progressing, and that the Committee is starting to collect pledges. He suggested that we pay our \$1000 pledge as soon as possible.

Association Bylaws

Since there does not appear to be a “central copy” of the OVBA bylaws, and many members have never seen the bylaws, it was decided that they should be posted on the website. It is unlikely that the latest change made – the establishment of the Executive Board – was ever “officially” added to the bylaws. It was recommended that we form a committee to review and revamp the bylaws and get them ready for posting. Carol Meeker volunteered to chair that committee, and Andrew Kent volunteered to assist.

New Business

Nominating Committee

Kevin Bieber and Stu Kern agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2007 officers. They will be contacting members to run for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please be receptive if you receive a call from the Committee. If you are interested in running but don't receive a phone call, please contact Kevin or Stu and express your interest.

President Bill Griffith requested that a final list of nominees be presented at the next meeting on November 27.

New Resident/Business “Welcome Packets”

Sharon Morrow reminded the group that this issue was shelved until after the Fair, and asked if we could establish a committee to work on creating Welcome packets with information about the Community and Businesses in the area to give to new residents and new businesses coming into the area. It was also suggested that we provide a way to request these packets on the website. Sharon Morrow, Mike McCarthy, Barbara Olszewski and Stu Kern volunteered to serve on the Committee. Any other members interested in serving on this committee, or can provide a meeting place, please contact Sharon at (610) 987-6555 or by email at: smorrow@dejazzd.com. Meetings will be starting shortly, as soon as a suitable meeting location can be found and schedules coordinated.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stu Kern and seconded by Carol Meeker. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 AM.

*Other Business/
Good of the
Group*

Wilma Leininger expressed her appreciation for the cards and expressions of sympathy after the passing of her husband.

Stu Kern reported that the Shops of Oley Open House would be held on December 1, 2 and 3. Glick's Greenhouse will also be holding their Poinsettia Open House (and Wreath contest) on December 1, 2 and 4. The wreath contest theme this year is "Trains".

Tom Mitchell reported that National Penn has decided to consolidate their insurance agencies into the Silverdale, PA service center. The "log cabin" agency will be closed. Bill Griffith is already helping out at the Wyomissing office. Tom will be staying at the log cabin for now, but will be commuting later to the service center location. They can still be reached at the same phone number that you're accustomed to calling.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$2,043.99
Donations for pictures	<u>60.00</u>
Sub Total	\$2,103.99
Expenses	
Township of Oley – Install signs	58.86
Peripheral Systems Inc. #11150	16.47
Total Expenses	\$ <u>75.33</u>
Balance as of 11/15/2006	\$2,028.66

Respectfully submitted
Minerva S Hoppes, Treasurer

BILL GATES - - MY KIND OF GUY!

Love him or hate him, he sure hits the nail on the head with this!
To anyone with kids of any age, here's some advice.

Bill Gates recently gave a speech at a High School about 11 things they did not and will not learn in school. He talks about how feel-good, politically correct teachings created a generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world.

Rule 1: Life is not fair - get used to it!

Rule 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping: they called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10: Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.