



Oley Valley Business Association

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President's Message

Hello to Everyone:

In spite of the rain and wind, the Fair was a success. I'm a little disappointed in the Oley Valley Business Association. The last I counted we had 98 members, and I had a terrible time to get a two-hour commitment for the business booth. Our new booth looked really nice with drapes, carpeting, and beautiful plants. I want to thank Stu, Doug and Carl for setting up everything and keeping an eye on things.

We will need a nominating committee at our next meeting. Our September meeting will be a business meeting, and I hope to see a good turnout.

*Respectfully,
Wilma Leininger*

September Meeting

The next meeting of the Oley Valley Business Assoc. will be a noon business meeting on Monday, September 27, 2004 at the Historic Pleasantville Inn.

Minutes

General Membership Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2004

Call to Order

The August meeting of the Oley Valley Business Association was held at the Yellow House Hotel. The meeting was called to order by President Wilma Leininger at 7:10 p.m., followed by the introduction of members and the announcement of a new member, Tom Hoch, representing Re/Max of Reading.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report

A motion was made to accept the July minutes by Oscar Egolf and seconded by Lorraine Sterner. Motion carried.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Dennis Leh, seconded by Debra Reitnour. Motion carried.

Attendance

The total attendance for the meeting was 35, including members and guests.

Old Business

Mixer:

The next mixer is to be scheduled and will be held at the Yellow House Hotel in the Fall. Frank Morgan will have more information at a later date.

Oley Valley Fair:

It was decided at a meeting of the fair committee to modify the booth, providing a more open view to the aisle and to be more neighbor friendly. Wilma requested the purchase of a carpet remnant. A motion in favor of the purchase was made by Stu Kern, seconded by Debra Reitnour. Motion passed. The sign up sheet, prepared by Carl DeGrazia, was circulated for members to schedule their times in the booth. Individuals will be called to fill in where needed.

Map of Area Businesses:

A map of area businesses was discussed by Oscar Egolf. At the previous OVBA meeting a sample map was presented to the members by Andy Kent which would identify locations of businesses on an area map subject to advertisement fees. Oscar, as a committee member, presented a sample area. However, he had reservations regarding the expanse of the area being covered on the map as the area extended beyond most of the local businesses. He felt that the area should be confined more to the Oley Valley. Oscar was going to review this with the committee.

New Business

Future Speakers:

To date, there is no speaker scheduled for the September meeting. Check the website or call Stu Kern for an update.

American Business Women's Association:

Sharon Morrow passed out information on scholarships from the American Business Women's Association. For information or to donate to the scholarship fund, contact Sharon.

Guest Speaker

State Representative Dennis Leh was the guest speaker at the meeting. He talked about the new tax proposal which would eventually eliminate property taxes. The tax proposal would place approximately a 4-1/2% business receipts tax/sales tax i.e. "end user" tax on businesses. Each business would have the option to either disclose the tax or build it into their product sales. This tax would not remove or eliminate county or local property taxes. The plan would reduce property taxes by 25% the first year, by 50% the second year and, hopefully, 100% the third year. Dennis did not feel that the revenue from the proposed slot machines would be sufficient to reduce property taxes, but suggested that that money could be used as additional financial assistance for school districts. Hearings are to be scheduled on the proposed tax modification. For more information on the proposed taxes, Dennis' office should be contacted or visit dennisleh.com.

Dennis was also asked questions on the revised building codes and agreed that the building codes should be revamped to relax the requirements for certain situations.

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. by Tom Mitchell and seconded by Lorraine Sterner. Motion carried.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Douglas A. Kramer, Secretary*

*Treasurer's
Report*

Oley Valley Business Association
Treasurer's Report

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| Beginning Balance | | \$3,391.38 |
| Deposits: | 09/09/04 | 70.00 |
| Interest | 07/03, 08/31/04 | <u>1.77</u> |
| SubTotal | | \$3,463.15 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Wilma (Dennis Leh's dinner) | | 13.32 |
| Carpet Mart | | 41.34 |
| Peripheral Systems #9773 | | 13.12 |
| Peripheral Systems #9769 | | 13.96 |
| Deposit Slips | | <u>8.75</u> |
| SubTotal | | \$ 90.49 |
| Ending Balance | | <u>\$3,372.66</u> |

New Member:

Coldwell Banker

Marianne van der Velde

*Respectfully Submitted,
Minerva S. Hoppes, Treasurer*

*Humor from
Tom Mitchell*

For those with No children - this is totally hysterical!

For those who already have children past this age - this is hilarious.

For those who have children this age - this is not funny.

For those who have children nearing this age - this is a warning.

For those who have not yet had children this is birth control.

The following came from an anonymous Mother in Austin, Texas:

Things I've learned from my Children (honest & no kidding):

1. A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2000 sq. ft. house 4 inches deep.
2. If you spray hair spray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they can ignite.
3. A 3-year old's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
4. If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42-pound boy wearing Batman underwear and a Superman cape. It is strong enough, however, if tied to a paint can, to spread paint on all four walls of a 20x20' room.
5. You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on. When using a ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit. A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.
6. The glass in windows (even double-pane) doesn't stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.
7. When you hear the toilet flush and the words "uh oh," it's already too late.
8. Brake fluid mixed with Clorox makes smoke, and lots of it.
9. A six-year old can start a fire with a flint rock even though a 36-year old man says they can only do it in the movies.
10. Certain Lego's will pass through the digestive tract of a 4-year old.
11. Play dough and microwave should not be used in the same sentence.
12. Super glue is forever.
13. No matter how much Jell-O you put in a swimming pool you still can't walk on water.
14. Pool filters do not like Jell-O.
15. VCR's do not eject PB&J sandwiches even though TV commercials show they do.
16. Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.
17. Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when driving.

18. You probably do not want to know what that odor is.
19. Always look in the oven before you turn it on. Plastic toys do not like ovens.
20. The fire department in Austin, TX has a 5-minute response time.
21. The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earthworms dizzy.
22. It will, however, make cats dizzy.
23. Cats throw up twice their body weight when dizzy.
24. The mind of a 6-year old is wonderful. First grade...true story: One day the first grade teacher was reading the story of the Three Little Pigs to her class. She came to the part of the story where the first pig was trying to accumulate the building materials for his home. She read, "And so the pig went up to the man with the wheelbarrow full of straw and said, "Pardon me sir, but may I have some of that straw to build my house?" The teacher paused then asked the class, "And what do you think that man said? One little boy raised his hand and said, "I think he said 'Holy crap! A talking pig!'" The teacher was unable to teach for the next 10 minutes.
25. 60% of men who read this will try mixing the Clorox and brake fluid.

If you can read this, thank a teacher.... And since it's in English, thank a veteran.