



Oley Valley Business Association

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September Meeting

Our next OVBA monthly meeting will be on **Wed., Sept. 26, 2007** at the Bridge Inn Pleasantville (formerly the Historic Pleasantville Inn) at 12:00 Noon. Guest speakers will be Bob Heckman, President of the Oley Valley School Board, and Dr. Jeff Zackon of the Oley Valley School District.

Upcoming Meetings

NOTE THE MEETING DAY CHANGE TO WEDNESDAYS!

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

Meeting Minutes

August 29, 2007

Call To Order

The August 29, 2007 meeting of the Oley Valley Business Association was held at Golden Oaks Country Club. Vice-President Sharon Morrow called the meeting to order at 12:11 pm.

Attendance

The total attendance for the meeting was 13 members. Ten businesses were represented.

Minutes & Treasurer's Reports

A motion to accept the minutes as published in the August newsletter was made by Sharon Morrow and seconded by Mike McCarthy. The motion carried.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as published in the August newsletter was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Barb Olszewski. The motion carried.

General Business

Kevin Bieber introduced our first guest of the day, Oley Postmaster Jeff Osborne. Jeff updated us on the new post office, which was delayed due to Hurricane Katrina, but is now in the works. The new location will be 2,000 sq. ft. in the new building to be constructed by the Fire Company on Lynx Drive. Most likely, but not definite, will be a 24 hour lobby with vending services.

Jeff also discussed the many ways the USPS can help small businesses and handed out packets to members with info on these services. There are an abundance of services that the USPS can provide to make your life easier about which many members were unaware. Visit www.usps.com for more on the many options available to you.

Our second guest was Tami Hildebrand of the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board. Tami announced the upcoming Farm Tours, which were re-started last year after a several year absence.

This year's tour, which will be held on October 13, 2007 will highlight farms and agricultural businesses in the Oley Valley. With a \$5 donation, participants will receive a map starting from the Oley Legion Diner to the farms and businesses on the tour and a sample bag of Berks County products.

Tami also announced that Berks County was the first county to reach 59,000 acres of farmland preserved, with 6,600 acres being in Oley Township. There will be a celebration of this achievement on October 19th at a Bern Township Farm.

For more information on the above, please contact Tami at 610-378-1844 ext. 2541.

Committee Reports

Program Committee

Please submit any suggestions/ideas for future speakers to Stu Kern or Kevin Bieber.

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Oley Fair

Doug asked for ideas and help for our Oley Fair booth, and put out the idea of a Treasure Hunt contest for our booth. We will have a meeting next Tuesday or Wednesday to discuss at the New Life Bible Fellowship Church.

A sign up sheet was passed around to fill the remaining few slots to man our booth.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Doug Kramer announced that Minerva Hoppes has resigned as Treasurer and we need someone to fill that position. Kevin Bieber has some ideas to get some newer members involved in the organization and will approach them about the position.

Oscar Egolf announced that while he is retiring, if anyone needs any services related to his business, please contact him and he will be happy to help.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne van der Velde, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 07/31/07	\$3,150.15
Total Deposits	\$ <u>00.00</u>
Sub Total	\$3,150.15
Expenses	
Peripheral Systems #11664	17.59
Oley Valley Community Fair – donation	500.00
Kevin Bieber – guest speaker lunch	13.58
Peripheral Systems #11720	18.10
Total Expenses	\$ <u>549.27</u>
Balance as of 9/15/2007	\$2,600.88

Respectfully submitted

Minerva S Hoppes, Treasurer