

John called the meeting to order at 8:05 at The Crown Jewel.

Introductions

The brochure is almost ready to go to print. There is one more advertising space available. Let John know right away if you'd like it.

The membership decals should be ready soon.

Patti reported on the "adopt a road" sponsorship. Our area is Burton to Lake Dr. (both sides). Patti made a motion, seconded by Jerry that we have our first clean-up day to coincide with our electronics recycling to be held on April 19th at Integrated Architecture. It will start at 9 AM.

Doreen reported about the "scavenger hunt" idea that is in the beginning stages of planning. It seems to fit the goals of the EPBA (increase business for members). Doreen, Cathy and Jerry are on the committee. Let Doreen know if you'd like to be involved in planning.

Law Enforcement Update: Tom and Ryan gave reports. No information about Bill and Paul's break-in (although that afternoon it was announced that they had suspects in custody).

Member News: Larry Dugan (Precision Plus) has a phone in show about relationships. It's on 105.3, Thursdays between 7 and 8 AM.

Electronics recycling will be held on April 19th at Integrated Architecture, 9AM-Noon. The community is invited. EPBA will pay for Comprenew to come and individuals will be charged a small fee based on what they bring in. EPBA will have an information table at the event. Let John know if you'd like to volunteer to help. Members may put brochures, etc. on the table. Grant suggested we put signs on the road to direct traffic to Integrated. We need to check to see if a permit is needed.

Thanks to Alice at United Bank for keeping our web site updated.

Julie Salisbury, owner of The Crown Jewel (and her husband) gave us a tour of the facility. Julie opened her business because she saw a need for a very high quality spa in Grand Rapids. Her business is 3 1/2 years old. She was the idea person behind the design of this beautiful 7,000 sq. foot spa.

We are still in need of sponsors for the April 10 and May 8 meetings (we have locations already).

Our next general meeting is February 14, 8 AM, at East Hills Athletic Club.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Albro
Secretary