

East Paris Business Association Minutes

Member Meeting

May 8, 2008

Laurie called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM, at Creative Learning. Twenty people were in attendance. Refreshments provided by Kuipers and Associates.

Everyone introduced themselves and told something about themselves.

There were 4 nominees and all members were given a ballot to vote for two board positions.

James Kuipers, from Kuipers and Associates, presented about his CPA firm. His firm specializes in accounting and bookkeeping for individuals and small businesses. James is interested in being an accounting resource for members of this group. He turned his firm around (after purchasing) from bankruptcy to profitability in two years.

Membership renewals will be due June 1, 2008. Anyone bringing in a new member will receive a \$25 discount on their own dues.

Our electronics recycling and adopt-a-road day (April 19) was a huge success. Four and a half tons of electronics were recycled. Thanks to all who helped.

Law Enforcement Update: Tom Zimmerman from the Kentwood Police Department reported that there have been several armed robberies and to be cautious. Ryan reported relative calm in the Grand Rapids Township area. Both officers are available to come to your business to talk to staff regarding law enforcement security and safety issues.

Special Speaker, Cathy Albro, explained the "special speaker" role and asked for ideas. Members responded in favor of special topics being offered for their employees (lunch and learn, in the evenings) using the expertise of the members and other people from the community.

Reminder that a new brochure will be printed soon to include all current members. A suggestion was made that we include as an insert in the Advance four times per year.

Amy DeVries is still collecting items to give away to members when they begin or renew a membership. She needs 50 of an item within the next week or so.

We're looking into a Picnic at the Pops social event for this summer. Erikas would cater.

Next meeting is June 12 , 8 AM, at Erikas. A sponsor is needed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Albro,
Secretary