

# East Paris Business Association General Meeting June 12, 2008 Minutes

Laurie called the meeting to order at 8:05. 14 people were in attendance.

Introductions and brief anecdote from all those present. Dave (and everyone else agreed) that John should be thanked for all he's done as founder and first president of our organization. You are so appreciated, John.

New Board officers were announced: Co-Vice Presidents- Patti Smeelink and Dave Miller  
Secretary-Cathy Albro  
Treasurer-John Knoppers  
Membership-Grant Winkeman  
and of course President-Laurie Lindrup

Grant will still accept items (50) for member "goody bags".

Discussion regarding the Gainey YMCA project led to a motion by John Karle and seconded by Jeannie Wolbert (passed) that the EPBA be take a neutral position and not write a letter of recommendation for the new project. The board will look into adding to our bylaws an addition that would say EPBA will not support a specific cause that could or would conflict with our mission statement. John will work on this.

Easter Seals needs volunteers for Buick Open.

Picnic Pops Outing-July 10th 8 PM Cost is \$14 with optional picnic for \$10 each. Let Laurie know if you're interested.

Time to pay annual association dues, \$25 discount if you bring in a new member. Application is on our website. Call Grant if you have leads.

New brochures will be printed in July, 1000 copies to be printed. Ad space available, lottery to be held if more requests than spaces.

No law enforcement update (attending to an accident).

Cynthia Knoll from the Rehmann Group reported about the new, complex Michigan Business Tax.

The Picnic Pops will be in place of the July member meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cathy Albro  
Secretary