

## East Paris Business Association General Meeting August 14, 2008

### MINUTES

Laurie called the meeting to order at 8 AM, held at Naya Bistro and hosted by FOODPRINT.

Everyone present introduced themselves.

John reported that our bank balance was around \$4,500 with no bills to pay. We anticipate more businesses will be sending in dues.

EPBA has joined LOCAL FIRST.

Laurie announced that requests for ad space must be in by Sept. 30, 2008 for inclusion in the next EPBA brochure. All members will be included in the map space by category.

John and Laurie attended a meeting to discuss EPBA's involvement in next year's Forest Hills Community Expo, March 21, 2009 at Ada Christian School. We have agreed to be a sponsor and Wendy Wise is our association's chair. The fees to participate for one booth space are \$150 if member of EPBA and \$250 if not. EPBA will have a booth at the event.

No police officers were in attendance for a law enforcement update.

Our featured speaker was Janine Oberstadt, principal consultant for FOODPRINT. Her company's belief is that we should be meeting the needs of people today without compromising the ability to meet the needs of future generations. Janine specifically addressed how we can change the staff break room to become more sustainable. Foodprint's website is [www.foodprint.biz](http://www.foodprint.biz).

Grant has been distributing member gift bags (worth more than the cost of membership).

Jerry mentioned that the Cascade Business Association was having an open house at Kennedy's this Wed. and Kim mentioned the Kids' Safety Day at 1200 E. Paris Shops this Sat.

We were welcomed to Naya and were told about drink specials, music, wine tasting and salsa lessons. They also are able to cater in their private room for up to 100 people. Laurie mentioned the possibility of EPBA sponsoring a "business after hours".

Our next general meeting will be on September 11, 2008 at BDO Seidman and hosted by CG's Café.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Albro, Secretary