

# **East Paris Business Association**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**November 13, 2008**

Laurie Lindrup called to order the regular meeting of the East Paris Business Association at 8:05 AM on 11/13/2008. The meeting was held at the Cascade Country Club.

Approximately 35 attendees were present. Introductions were made, several new members attended.

Announcements from John Knoppers

- New brochures have been printed and are already paid for. Additional general funds remain on deposit.
- Forest Hills community expo is scheduled for early 2009. EPBA is working with the Cascade and Ada business associations to coordinate the event. EPBA members will receive a discounted charge at \$150 for a booth. Signup is available online or John has flyers.

Terry Roach from the American Cancer Society presented information regarding the Relay for Life event to be held in May 2009. Cascade Business Association has challenged EPBA to put together a team for the event. Patti Smeelink volunteered to be the team captain for the event.

New brochures were passed out. Contact John Knoppers for copies, 1000 are available.

Law enforcement update from Tom Zimmerman. Counterfeit bills have been circulating in the area. Three individuals have been apprehended. Approx \$50,000 in counterfeit \$20 bills may still be in circulation.

Kate Tanner from Macatawa Bank and John Knoppers from United Bank gave a presentation on banking locally. Reasons to bank local – community involvement, community investment, taxes and dollars spent local, better service, competition provides better rates, fees and decisions are made local.

Members who wish to announce any events, coupons, promotions etc should send info to John Knoppers to be posted on the website.

United Bank and Byron Bank are collecting Toys for Tots. United Bank is collecting new and used coats for In the Image.

Patti Smeelink from E Paris Pharmacy is offering flu shots to EPBA members for \$20 each.

Next meeting to be held at Integrated Architecture.

Laurie Lindrup adjourned the meeting at 8:47 AM.

Minutes submitted by Alice Doherty