

# East Paris Business Association General Meeting

## December 11, 2008 Minutes

The meeting was held at Integrated Architecture with Harvest Bread Company supplying the refreshments. Laurie called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

John reported that we have \$4,026.99 in our account with no outstanding invoices.

Forest Hills Community Expo-will be March 21, 2009. EPBA will have a booth and is in need of volunteers to staff it. We are considering holding a raffle with prizes from EPBA members. Any EPBA member may register for a booth fee of \$150. John will e-mail the link for registration.

Patti Smeelink invites all members to participate in Relay for Life 2009 on May 29-30. Contact her or [www.relayforlife.org/foresthillsmi](http://www.relayforlife.org/foresthillsmi) for more information.

The new EPBA brochure is out and available for distribution. See John if you'd like some.

Law Enforcement Update-This is Ryan's last meeting as neighborhood liaison and Jason VanDyke will be taking his place. Officer Zimmerman from Kentwood is retiring and everyone is invited to attend his retirement party at the Kentwood Police Department on Dec. 19, 1-4 PM.

Wendy Wise is our new board member, filling out Dave's term.

Gary Hunt from WGVU, was our speaker. He informed us of the Congressional mandated switch to digital on Feb. 17 and what we can do to be prepared. All cable customers will automatically have service. Web site, [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov) has more information and a \$40 coupon toward the purchase of a converter box.

Please make suggestions for; presenters, where and if to have a "Business After Hours" in February, if you'd like to volunteer.

Old Business: It was suggested to partner with some other neighborhood business organizations to bring in a "big name" speaker for next September. Trisha will get more information for us about the possibility of tapping into the "green" purchasing program.

EPBA will host a computer recycling day and E. Paris clean up day in April (as we did in 2008). The date will be determined once we know when Easter is in 2009.

The next general meeting is Jan. 8, 2009 at Erika's, 8 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Albro, EPBA Secretary

