

# East Paris Business Association Membership Meeting

## January 8, 2009 Minutes

The January 8 meeting was held at Zoup and sponsored by Macatawa Bank. Laurie called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM.

Laurie announced that her business—"Erika's" has closed.

John reported that we have \$4,010.33 in our account with no new members.

The Forest Hills Community Expo will take place on March 21, 2009. Members may register for a space on the Ada Business Association web site. EPBA will have a table at the Expo.

Patti Smeelink is our team captain for Relay for Life ([www.relayforlife.org/foresthillsmi](http://www.relayforlife.org/foresthillsmi)). We need a co-chair and participants. Contact Patti for more information.

John has the new brochure for any member to take and distribute. There is an insert for giving to prospective members which includes an application for joining EPBA—a great way to recruit. John also has static clings for windows and doors.

Jason Van Dyke is our new Forest Hills law enforcement liaison and Kentwood has yet to assign a new person.

We had several ideas for future meetings, social events and projects.

Our Consumer Electronics Recycling Day is April 18, 2009. The collection location is at Integrated Architecture. People may bring in cell phones, batteries, televisions, monitors, computers. There will be a charge for hard drive cleaning. Trish will write and submit a press release.

Laurie will look into the possibility of hosting an EPBA Picnic Pops event this summer.

Six members who were present expressed their interest in an EPBA golf outing. There may be difficulty in finding a course due to league play. Trish and Mary Anne will look into the possibilities.

Suggestions for meeting speakers: Bergett from the Right Place, Levi from Integrated on how to recycle, local economic conditions by a professor from a local college/university, MMPC (our neighbor) on issues regarding health care, and the auto industry. Send an e-mail to Laurie (new e-mail address) [lgindrup@gmail.com](mailto:lgindrup@gmail.com), with other suggestions or to volunteer.

E-mail any business announcements to John or Laurie for distribution to members and added to EPBA web site.

A suggestion for a business afterhours event at Naya in February was made. More details to follow.

New Business: Elections are coming up. Nominations will begin in March, vote in April, new board announced in May and new board begins on June 1, 2009.

Our next member meeting is Feb. 12, 2009 at United Bank (900 E. Paris SE).

Respectfully Submitted  
Cathy Albro, Secretary