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Subject: Minutes General Meeting May 10, 2007

Minutes of General Meeting, May 10, 2007

Meeting held at Cascade Country Club and called to order by Laurie Lindrup at 8:00 AM.

Nominations: Lynn Francis motioned to open nominations before voting on slate, seconded by Grant Winkelman. With no one adding to slate, Lisa Waalkes moved to accept nominations, seconded by Ron Wanamaker. Board is as follows: President- John Knoppers, Vice President- Laurie Lindrup, Secretary- Cathy Albro, Treasurer- Kristine VanVonderen, Board Members- Patti Smeelink, Dave Miller, Grand Winkelman, Jerry LaValley, and Doreen Bolhuis.

Business Presentation: Jerry LaValley provided a 15 minute presentation about his business. Technology is the driving force of the economy. We need to make our money work for us through the average 30 years of retirement.

Todd Anderson (Advance Newspapers) and Jamie VanderMuelen from Ada Business Association shared their experiences. Their suggestions: major benefit is networking, willing to share bi-laws, start with mission statement, gave \$5,000 to local charity (Kids Food Bank), have annual Business Expo, 90 members, \$125 per year dues. How do you get members?-Word of mouth. We are welcome to attend their meetings. Use subcommittees to get more people involved and spread out the work.

Lynn Francis asked question, Who do we want to be and what do we want to do? Laurie Lindrup responded, provide information about area (services and retail). Question-Should we combine with other organizations or work with other organizations?
Board to work on these issues.

Be sure to email John.Knoppers@unitedbankofmichigan.com your business description.

Patti Smeelink informed us of her robbery.

Next meeting: June 14, 8:00 AM at Zoop.

Adjourn at 8:56 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Albro, Secretary

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