

East Paris Business Association Minutes
August 9, 2007

Meeting was hosted by Zoup! and called to order at 8AM, by John Knoppers.

After introductions, Steve Cook was introduced as our attorney reviewing our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The Articles are almost complete and will be filed to begin process.

Trish Spaulding offered Integrated's electronics recycling dumpster for all those needing to recycle-Aug. 9 at 2 PM. Cathy Albro is looking into the possibility of a recycling collection area.

John reported on the ADOPT A HIGHWAY program. The road is East Paris from Cascade to 28th Street. Our commitment will be to clean the area at least 3 scheduled times per year. The county will provide trash bags and orange vests. We are responsible for storing. Dave Miller motioned, Jerry LaValley seconded and motion passed unanimously. Patti Smeelink will chair ADOPT A HIGHWAY committee.

A Membership application was passed out for all to complete. The information will be used to promote member businesses in a brochure and on the EPBA web site.

Trish showed the Eiffel Tower proposed logo. Grant Winkelman motioned to accept it, Dave seconded, motion passed unanimously. Trish will "cajiggle" a bring back to next meeting.

The EPBA web site addresses were discussed. Potential available addresses are: eastparisbiz.org, eparisbiz.org, eastparisbuisnessassociation.org
Lisa Waalkes motioned that we secure all three, seconded by Jerry, motioned passed unanimously. John will speak with Laurie about getting this rolling.

EPBA would like to host a November evening social event with the purpose of networking, building awareness for potential members and community service. The event will be held on November 8th, 5:30-7:30 at CG's Prep Kitchen and Cafe/Creative Learning. E-mail your community service ideas to John (for this event and future projects). A committee consisting of Denise Chumas, Jerry LaValley and Cliff Gully will meet to plan the event.

Lisa and Trish will review the community service/involvement ideas.

Old Business:

Trish will look into the possibility of EPBA becoming part of recycled paper buying consortium.

New Business:

Discussion was held about having a consistent monthly meeting place or publish a 12 month schedule if meeting place is different. Steve Cook motioned we plan and publish a 12 month meeting place schedule, Alice Doherty seconded, motion passed.

Discussion followed about someone other than the host to provide food/drink. This would be the sponsor. More than one business could sponsor. The (or one) sponsor would also be the business presenter for the month. This was presented as a motion by Alice, seconded by Lisa, motion carried. The board is responsible for selecting meeting places and sponsors. A sponsor is required to find their own replacement if necessary.

Deanna Fridley suggested there be a charge for the opportunity for a business presentation at a monthly meeting. There was no further discussion.

Officer Zimmerman mentioned that National Night Out was a success-thanks for advertising. The Kentwood Police visited 19 neighborhoods serving 1,400 residents.

It was suggested that a Police Brief be on our agenda permanently.

The next EPBA General Meeting is September 13, 2007, 8 AM at Ericka's.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Albro
Secretary