

East Paris Business Association Member Meeting

January 14, 2010 Minutes

John called the meeting, at Creative Learning Center, to order at 8:05 AM.

Everyone introduced themselves and shared their business information.

John explained that the business promotion cards will be reviewed to determine if we want to try again. Judy stated that it wouldn't fit her business as she would need to be featured for a longer period of time. The board will discuss.

The board discussed doing a juice box drive for KIDS FOOD BASKET. John opened it up for discussion..Should we have a central drop off site, businesses have their own juice box collection box? Grant suggested that he could buy the juice in bulk if people wanted to donate money. John said that some people would be willing to donate juice, but not money. It was suggested that EPBA put labels on boxes. The YMCA said they could provide a drop off location and get the word out to their members. Trish said this could be more than just "us" and include our employees, customers, and venders.

The 2010 Forest Hills Business Expo is March 20. As a member of EPBA, we get a discounted price of \$150 per table. Past participants have been happy with the exposure it brought.

Member Info-We still have members who owe dues for this year. John will e-mail a message to them.

Judy DeLapa, from High –Impact Coaching and Consulting, spoke about "Designing Your Ideal Life". Judy made several points: "It's never too late to start dreaming. Set goals. The person who doesn't set goals will be working for someone who does. Examine who's life you're really living." Judy believes that being coached is an investment that pays dividends throughout your life.

Candra Roerig and Rachael Stern representing the American Cancer Society, provided information about the Forest Hills Relay for Life on May 21 and 22. They suggested EPBA sponsor a team or any business could sponsor their own. Rachael can be contacted at 551-4036 or rachael.stern@cancer.org for more information. Those that have participated in the past said that it was a great experience and a good way to promote your business.

Member News-The YMCA said that they currently are giving \$75 off memberships. United Bank is offering free "Financially Fit" consulting. Lisa gave a tour of Creative Learning.

Our next Member meeting is February 11 , 8 AM, at Zoup.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Albro, Secretary