

## East Paris Business Association General Meeting 2/11/10

John called the meeting to order at 8 AM at Zoup. Everyone (approximately 22 in attendance) introduced themselves and gave some info about their business.

You can visit EPBA on our website or through LinkedIn.

John reviewed the schedule for the next 3 months.

Board Reports: Nancy reported that we have \$5,071 in our account. All bills are paid.

Promotions Committee: The board has decided to reissue the idea of the discount card soon.

We're also looking at doing some advertising as a group in the Advance to promote all the businesses in the association.

We're looking for someone to lead the Kids Food Basket food drive. We're talking about collecting juice boxes and funds to donate. Let John know if you're interested in heading this up. Nancy and Marie volunteered to lead this project.

Forest Hills Community Expo-It's not too late to sign up for this on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Members of EPBA pay \$150 for a table.

Carol from TropiTan (our newest member) introduced their new business, the largest in the area.

Doreen spoke about her trip through the Chamber of Commerce to China. They started out in Beijing, toured the Olympic Village, and many other historic places that had just been renovated for the Olympic visitors. She encouraged everyone to check out the Chamber and Chamber trips (next one to Tuscany). Linda and Justin from the GR Chamber of Commerce talked about the great opportunities as a chamber member-networking, every employee is a chamber member, discounts and group buys, roundtable discussions, educational opportunities. Call Justin for a refresher on member benefits.

No Law Enforcement update.

No old business.

New Business: Electronics recycling and E. Paris clean up will be on Sat., April 17<sup>th</sup>.

EPBA will be holding board elections soon. Contact John if you are interested in running.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Albro, Secretary