

East Paris Business Association Member Meeting

June 10, 2010 Minutes

The meeting was held at Lake Michigan Credit Union and called to order at 8:05 AM by John Knoppers.

Approximately 25 people attended. The meeting began with everyone introducing themselves.

John presented the new board and officers. John Knoppers-President, Lisa Waalkes -Vice President, Nancy Miller-Treasurer, Ron Sabourin-Secretary, Wendy Wise, Mary Mapes, Jeff Juhas and Chris Engle-Members at Large.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy reported that we have \$5,384 in our account with no bills to pay.

John presented new by-law changes. See appendix A. The members present voted to adopt the changes.

John reported about our merger with the Ada Business Association and the Cascade Business Association. An "enhanced" membership to all 3 associations is available with dues covering the calendar year (beginning Jan. 1, 2011). Members have the option of the enhanced membership for \$300 (\$100 savings) or EPBA membership for \$50. John will pursue the idea of EPBA members receiving a "guest membership" for the next 6 months to the other 2 associations as a way to "try it out". Dues will be due on Jan. 1, 2011.

Lake MI Credit Union sponsored and presented. LMCU has an insurance agency to serve corporate clients.

Meeting Topic Ideas: Health Insurance Update, Toastmasters (Nov. 19 Ed Tate-Guerilla Marketing)-Lisa could do for October meeting or check into Nov. meeting with Ed Tate, Weight Loss, nutrition supplements, color presentation-interior design (Trish), "greening" your home.

Nancy suggested a subcommittee to plan a political event before fall election. John will speak with both associations to see how they want to handle it.

Patti Smeelink will offer flu shots at the Sept. 9 meeting and will also speak about vaccines.

Marie(Keystone Pharmacy) volunteered to sponsor the July 8 meeting. The Oct. 14 meeting will be held at Zoup, Sponsored by Byron Bank, and Lisa Waalkes will give a presentation about Toastmasters.

Law Enforcement Update: Kentwood Police report-Businesses broken into on Broadmoor. MVP had some thefts, other minor problems-but overall, pretty quiet.

Member News: BDO -LZ Michigan-welcoming home for Vietnam Veterans at Fifth Third Ballpark on July 3rd looking for volunteers. LMCU and Creative Learning are partnering to offer workshops for kids to learn fiscal responsibility, punch cards now available at Zoup, Zoup also has good coupons on e-mail, YMCA has many summer activities available to all -many free, Integrated Architecture has space available for meetings, etc. to rent-talk to Trish.

Suggestion to send General Meeting minutes out to the membership.

Could we do a combined event-like a sidewalk sale? John said that we need to get more retail/dining members to make this work. Let John know if you'd like to be on the promotions committee-Marie would like to work on this committee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Albro, Secretary

Appendix A. Changes are highlighted.

Section 2. President. The President of the Association shall be chief executive officer of the Association, shall preside over all meetings, appoint all committees with the approval of the Board of Directors, sign all contracts, and shall perform other duties as may be specified from time to time by the Directors. The President shall have voting rights at Board meetings. **The position of president will only be open to a board member who has served at least one year on the board.**

Section 3. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President during any absence or disability of the President, shall serve as an ex officio member of all committees, and shall perform other duties as may be specified from time to time by the Directors. **The Vice-President shall succeed the President in the following year.** The Vice President shall have voting rights at Board meetings.

Section 6. Past-President. The Past-President, **at his or her choosing, shall may** assist the board in a consultative manner, and shall have no voting rights at Board meetings except to break a tie.