

## **WES Hanover Business Association**

**April 9, 2015 minutes**

The WES Hanover Business Association met on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at the West Hanover Recreation Center for breakfast at 7:15 a.m. The meeting started at 7:30 a.m. with President Bette Porter presiding. Bette called the meeting to order. We stood for the pledge to the American Flag followed by prayer from Pastor Randy from Susquehanna Valley Evangelical Free Church.

Bette welcomed 25 members and 1 guest – Erica Kishpaugh from Keystone Human Services. She was invited by Kaori Kelly who was our sponsor/speaker from Keystone Human Services.

Each person introduced themselves and gave a 30 second commercial on the business they represent. It's a good way to learn about each of us and their business.

Happy Birthday to our April birthday people: Jan Bahret, Bette Porter, Harry Capper, Kim Walker and Randy Hunt.

Thanks to everyone that renewed their membership with us. We have WES Business Invitation cards to give out to other prospects that you feel would like to join us as a first time guest. Their breakfast is free for their first time with us. We accept people in the West, East and South Hanover Townships along with our neighboring Lower Paxton, Derry Township and Hummelstown Boro businesses.

We have 2 openings for speaker/sponsorship for 2015. Since that announcement, both months have been filled. There are no months available.

If anyone is interested in hosting a "game night" or cookout at their place some day, please let Bette know. The association would help out with some expenses for the cookout. Game night – each person would bring a snack and drink to share with everyone.

As a follow up to Jay Reale's, from Members 1st, presentation concerning memberships, if anyone is interested in having a business event, luncheon or evening mixer at their place, let Bette know. Any member that refers 4 new members to our association would win a prize.

Keep Friday, December 11th open for our annual Christmas Party at the Lawnton American Legion from 6:00 – 11:00. We'll be having a very good dinner buffet along with great entertainment for our listening and dancing pleasure. You won't want to miss this one!!!!

Mike Geppert from M&J Properties will be presenting a Central Dauphin Senior the "Roy Bridges Life Achievement Award" on May 12th. Thank you Mike!

Report from our Treasurer, Tom Stewart, West Hanover's Tax Collector. . . \$5,470.98 was approved by all members present.

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John Vigilante from Interstate All Battery Center mentioned that Battery Plus is having their grand opening of the new store on May 16th.

Betsy Howell from Redfern Canines will be having summer day camp for kids and dogs!

Harry Capper from Captures LLC said that his aerial photography operation using the tethered blimp will be covered on Channel 27 ABC news at 6 pm on April 16th and again at noon on Friday, April 17th.

Lowell Witmer is running for re-election as Magisterial District Judge for Dauphin County with no other candidates on the ballot. The grand opening for his new office is April 23rd at 1 pm. Congratulations!

Bob Stern from Deer Valley Golf Course is in need of volunteers to help organize our annual golf outing being held on Friday, July 10th at 8 am. We will need sponsors, door prizes and golfers.

Deb Casey from East Hanover Township reported that the road crew is patching potholes as weather permits. The Township has completed their annual audit and it was filed with DCED before the due date. Park and Recreation – Earth Day in the Park is on April 19th from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. There is no cost. Fire Company – On May 23rd, the Fire Co. is sponsoring a yard sale at the Carnival Grounds at a cost of \$10.00 per spot a pork Rib and Chicken BBQ with a blood drive at the new fire house.

Penny Pollick from South Hanover Township reported that all audits, Financial, Liquid Fuels and Pension are completed and are ok. They filled potholes in the township and street sweeping has begun. The Milton Hershey Schools have submitted a sketch plan for expansion of the Venice Campus. Hopefully the new Municipal Complex will go out to bid in June.

Jay Megonnell from West Hanover Township and West Hanover Public Safety reported that they're looking at a bill to allow motorcycles to go thru red lights since they aren't heavy enough to set off the lights to green as cars do. 170 Easter Eggs were hidden for the Egg Hunt. Salt for the winter was \$12,000 over budget. Park and Recreation Building is going out to bid for contractors to install a new roof and add an additional storage room. \$5,000 has been added to budget for Ebola training. The West Hanover Township building is to be used for shelter. The West Hanover Sewer Authority building will be used for the pets. A new Sheetz is going in across from the truckstops.

Our speaker/sponsor for this month is Kaori Kelly and Erica Kishpaugh from Keystone Human Services. They spoke about their passion for "matchmaking" businesses with the correct people. They do this in 3 different states and 8 counties. Keystone works with challenged individuals and does an intense screening on each to determine what their strengths are. They then "match" the person with local businesses jobs where they can utilize those skills. It has proven to work very well and allows these individuals to feel good about themselves.

Our next meeting will be held on May 14th at 7:15 a.m. for breakfast, 7:30 a.m. for the meeting. It's held at the West Hanover Recreation Center. Our speaker/sponsor for this meeting will be Jason Roberts from Servpro of Hershey/Swatara.

Minutes taken by Jan Bahret, from B.C. Interiors – Thank you!!! Amended by Penny Pollick from South Hanover Twp.

Submitted by: Bette Porter from Fulton Bank/President of WES