

WES HANOVER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

April 13, 2017 Minutes

Speaker: Brian Keefer

The WES Hanover Business Association met on Thursday, April 13, 2017, at the Skyline Diner for breakfast at 7:15 am. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 am with President Bette Porter of Fulton Bank presiding. There were 36 people present. We stood for Pledge of Allegiance followed by prayer by Pastor Randy Hunt of Susquehanna Evangelic Free Church. As Pastor Randy is retiring in April and relocating to Lancaster County, this was his last prayer for the Association.

Each person introduced themselves and their business they represent along with a 30 second commercial.

A prize was presented to Terry Davis for winning the early bird payment raffle. He paid his 2017 dues by the November 2016 meeting.

April birthdays include: Harry Capper, Randy Hunt, Bette Porter, Jan Bahret and Amanda Rhodes. A hearty "Happy Birthday" was sung to those members present.

We are trying to get our Facebook page to be more user friendly. Natalie Kratzer of Thrivent Financial takes care of the Facebook page, and she will help with this project. We presently have a Facebook page but it is difficult to post anything in there for now. Tony Acri has offered to work with Natalie on our Facebook page. The Association is looking to advertise its monthly meeting in the Paxton Herald. We will also be looking to advertise our golf tournament in The Sun.

Bette reminded members to spread the word about our association to others who live or have a business in the WES locations as well as our neighboring townships. Membership dues are still only \$45.00 which covers the remaining months of this year.

Bette Porter will be attending Lower Dauphin's Senior Awards night scheduled for Wednesday, May 24. One essay has been submitted. Mike Geppert will attend Central Dauphin's Senior Awards night scheduled for Wednesday, May 17. Eight essays have been received. The "Roy Bridges Life Achievement Award" will be presented to a senior from each high school for the best essay on the subject of what they have learned so far in school that will be applied to their business goals in life.

Two dates to keep open in 2017 for our members. The Deer Valley Golf outing will be held on Friday, September 8, 2017 and our Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 15. Our entertainment for the Christmas party will be "The Timeless Band" upon recommendation of Norm Zoumas. If anyone is interested in hosting a game night, cookout, or other social event, please let Bette know.

Treasurer report by Jan Bahret, treasurer. Balance is \$2,564.10. A motion to accept the report was made by Terry Davis with a second by Paul Wagner. Motion was voted upon and approved by members

A motion to accept the February 9, 2017, minutes as written was made by Mike Geppert with a second by Jan Bahret. Thanks Deb Fleisher for taking the minutes. Motion was voted upon and approved by members.

Report from East Hanover Township – Paul Cornell:

- The new public works building was dedicated in March 2017.
- Park and Rec summer recreation program is starting up.

- Talley Petroleum has submitted necessary paperwork for its expansion.
- Sheetz is starting the necessary steps to build a store at corner of 743 and 22. No timeline for completion.
- Presently in the design phase of the sewer expansion to 180 homes located on the south side of 22 in the area of Mill Rd. Completion of project in 2020.

Report from South Hanover Township – None as Penny Pollick was absent.

Report from West Hanover Township – Don Steinmeier.

- West Hanover Township held a public forum on the possible formation of a police force in response to the proposal of Gov Tom Wolf to charge each municipality that utilizes the State Police a fee of \$25 per person. This would cost the Township approximately \$250,000.
- Zoning administrator position is open. Township is presently taking resumes.
- The Township will be receiving 31 acres of land for park and recreational use by Bob Fowler on the development of his farm project.

Upcoming events in the community include a May 2 forum for the public to meet the candidates running for West Hanover Township supervisor. An egg hunt will be held by West Hanover Park and Rec on April 15 from 11-2 sponsored by BC Interiors.

Our speaker/sponsor for today is a guest of Betsy Howell from Redfern Canines. Her guest and speaker is Brian Keefer along with his parents, Dawn and Steve. Brian gave us a glimpse into his life since his accident which has left him paralyzed from his neck down. He has no feeling below his injury site. The accident occurred during his college years. He graduated from Lock Haven University in May of 2012 with the help of his father who retired early to become his fulltime caregiver. Brian and his family were a recipient of the Extreme Makeover contest. His home has been remodeled to make it completely accessible to him. Brian continues to receive physical therapy which has allowed him to overcome many obstacles with the ultimate goal of walking again.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11. Our speaker/sponsor for that meeting is Anthony Acri from Farmers Insurance. Hope to see everyone here for our next meeting!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Suhr