

WES Hanover Business Association

January 8, 2015 minutes

The WES Hanover Business Association met on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at the West Hanover Recreation Center for a breakfast buffet 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 had the Pledge of Allegiance followed by prayer from Pastor Randy.

Welcome to all our members and guests. There were a total of 21 people present. Bette introduced our 2015 board members as follows: Bette Porter - President, Jan Bahret – Vice President, Deb Fleisher – Secretary and Tom Stewart – Treasurer. Deb was not present due to having shingles. So Jan took notes for our meeting.

Everyone introduced themselves and their business with a 30 second commercial. This way we got to know who you are and what your business is about.

We recognized our December birthdays – Joe Bahret and John Vigilante. We also recognized our January birthdays – Lowell Witmer, Paul Wagner, Ken Tyndale, Penny Pollick and Natalie Kratzer. Happy Birthday to all of you!!

Bette reminded that our 2015 annual membership is to be paid – Price is still \$45.00 and hasn't gone up in years. Please mail or drop off your check to Bette Porter or Deb Fleisher at Fulton Bank as soon as possible to renew your membership. If your information needs to be updated, please fill out another application. Guests have their breakfast free for the first meeting they attend, however after that it's an \$8.00 charge unless your \$45.00 membership is paid.

Check us out on our website at www.weshba.com or on facebook!!!!

Thanks for another good Christmas Party held last month at the Lawton American Legion. Great food was enjoyed by all and the DJ played our requests all evening. Thanks Stephanie and Jan for helping me with this successful event!!!

Bette reminded up to please pass out our WES Business invitation cards to people who live or have a business in West, East or South Hanover Township. We can extend to Derry Township, Lower Paxton and Hummelstown Borough, our neighboring townships. The price is still the same for them - \$45.00!!

We have only 2 openings for sponsor/speaker for 2015. They are June 11th and August 13th. Please consider taking one of them and sharing your business with our group for that meeting.

Bette is looking for volunteers for our membership committee and social committee. Please let her know if you are interested. Game nights will start back up once the weather gets nice again.

Report from West Hanover Township Public Safety – Jay Megonnell

Jay mentioned that their meeting will be that night so he will report from that meeting at our February meeting.

Report from East Hanover Township – Deb Casey

The new public works building – The Planning Commission approved the land development plan in December and it will go before the Board of Supervisors for approval at its January 20th meeting. The project should out to bid by the end of February, beginning of March.

The Board held its Organization meeting on January 5th. Keith Espenshade was elected Chairman and Mike Yingling Vice Chairman. This year we will have 3 open Supervisor positions for the 2015 election. Keith Espenshade, George Rish and Glenn Moyer's terms expire at the end of the year.

Park and Recreation – Annual Indoor Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, January 31st from 8am-Noon at the EHT Municipal Building. The Family Valentine Party will be held on Friday, February 6th.

East Hanover Twp. now has a full time Park and Recreation Director and is looking forward to further serving public recreation needs

The Park & Recreation Department is forming a study committee for the Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan process. If any business owner has a vested interest in the plan and would like to serve on the committee, applications are being accepted at the Park & Recreation Office. The purpose of the plan is to guide future decision regarding recreation opportunities and park development in East Hanover Twp.

Fire Co. – Saul Schmolitz, who had been the Fire Chief for years has moved out of the area. The Fire Co. elected Jim McHenry as the new Fire Chief. upcoming events – On Sunday January 25th a fund raiser will be held at Hoss's.

Report from South Hanover Township – Penny Pollick

- The new Municipal Complex is well into its design phase and the Land Development Plan is before the Board of Supervisors now.
- The Hershey Trust has requested that the Venice North site (formally known as the Hershey Links) be rezoned to an Eleemosynary School District Campus which would allow the expansion of student housing. This is a hot topic in the Township and the Board of Supervisors will entertain voting on this item at their February 10th, 2015 meeting.
- The Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday for their reorganization and once again elected Robert Cassel as their Chairman and John Connelly as Vice-Chairman. Next year there will be two openings for Supervisor; Robert Cassel and Edward Mimmagh's terms will expire.
- The Township is now in its busy season with numerous year end reports due along with financial and pension audits being performed.

Report from West Hanover Township – Gloria Zimmerman

Reorganization meeting

Fowler Property coming up for review (across from Manor Restaurant) – the front is to be commercial – new businesses. Our road crew did an excellent job during the past weather conditions.

Senior luncheon will be held Thursday, Jan 15th at the Recreation Hall.

The West Hanover Historical Society will have a "Share a Memory" theme on Thursday, Jan 15th.

Tom Stewart is a new member of the West Hanover Water & Sewer Authority.

Updating comp plan and having meeting to discuss installing red light at Rt. 39 and Devonshire Hts.

District Justice Lowell Witmer new office is now open. Open house will be later this year. It was delayed due to weather.

Natalie Kratzer said that Thrivent Financial "action team" for community needs is starting.

Mike Patterson from AAA Museum mentioned that the "Lotus" show is opening January 24th – April 26th. They're having lots of special events happening there.

A new business opened in West Hanover Township – Grille and Chill. Good place to eat! They promised they would be joining our group soon.

February 7th the Lower Dauphin Musical will be having a spaghetti dinner from 4:30 – 7:00 at the Lower Dauphin High School. Cost is \$15.00 per couple.

Treasurer report by Tom Stewart - Balance is \$4,891.98 - motion to accept by Terry Davis, seconded by Paul Wagner with all approving it.

Minutes from November accepted as given – motion to accept by Joe Bahret, seconded by Stephanie Albrecht with all approving it.

We also voted on continuing our annual donations to the following: Roy Bridges Life Achievement Awards, East Hanover Twp. baseball/softball, South Hanover Twp. baseball/softball, West Hanover Twp. baseball/softball and the Lower Dauphin "Do the Right Thing". We are still on the waiting list for that.

Our speaker/sponsor was Stephanie Albrecht from Higher Information Group. Stephanie said the business started in 1969. She joined them in 2001. They cover 11 different states and currently have 70 employees. All of the divisions focus on one objective: solving document workflow challenges including creation, management, retention and destruction, thus protecting the document's lifecycle. They have business equipment, IT services, corporate

reprographics, document management, document storage and shredding services. They also do corporate printing – our WES pens came from them! Thanks Stephanie for a very informative message about your business you represent. Please plan to attend our next month's meeting on Thursday, February 12th at 7:15 a.m. for breakfast buffet and 7:30 a.m. for the meeting. We're meeting at the West Hanover Recreation Center at 628 Walnut Ave. Our speaker/sponsor will be Natalie Kratzer from Thrivent Financial.

If we are cancelling our meeting due to weather conditions, an email will go out the day before. Otherwise, see everyone (I hope) at the February 12th's meeting. There will be a door prize given at that meeting for Valentine's Day!!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Porter

President/WES Hanover Business Association