

## **WES Hanover Business Association**

### **June 11, 2015 minutes**

The WES Hanover Business Association met on Thursday, June 11, 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 of Fulton Bank presiding. She called the meeting to order and welcomed 16 members and 1 guest. Betsy Howell's granddaughter was the guest. The Pledge of Allegiance was said followed by prayer by President Bette Porter.

Thanks to Diane Suhr from Diane M Reed & Assoc. for taking the minutes for this meeting. It's very much appreciated.

Bette had everyone introduce themselves and the business they represent with a 30 second commercial.

June birthdays include Gloria Zimmerman of West Hanover Township, Bob Wolfe of Wolfe's VW, Joe Hirsch of Virtus Group, Mel Kelley of Mel Kelley Design/Build, and Kaori Kelly of Keystone Human Services. Happy Birthday to all of our June birthdays!

As a reminder, please take our business cards inviting someone from the West, East and South Hanover Townships in order to grow our Association. Also, invite our neighboring businesses from the Derry and Lower Paxton Townships along with Hummelstown Borough. First time visit for a guest is free. Membership for the year is only \$45.00.

Thanks to Bette for presenting the Lower Dauphin Senior winner for the "Roy Bridges Life Achievement Award" on May 20th. The winner was Rachele Branchi. We received a thank you note from our Central Dauphin winner, Corianne Silvers. The note was read.

Tom Stewart, West Hanover Tax Collector and WES treasurer was on vacation. Bette reported \$4,098.29 as our balance. There was a motion to accept the treasurer's report by Paul Wagner of Hershey Federal Credit Union and seconded by Stephanie Albrecht of Higher Information Group. The motion was approved by the members.

May's minutes had a motion to accept by Jan Bahret of B.C. Bahret Interiors and seconded by Jay Megonnell of West Hanover Township. The motion was approved by the members.

Bob Stern of Deer Valley Golf Course gave an update on our golf outing. It will be held Friday, July 10. Cost is \$65.00 per golfer which includes the lunch buffet. \$20.00 for lunch buffet only. Shotgun starts at 8:00 a.m. promptly. Remember this will be in place of our July meeting.

Deb Casey from East Hanover Township was on vacation – no report.

Penny Pollick from South Hanover Township was not in attendance- no report.

Gloria Zimmerman from West Hanover Township reports:

- The speed limit on Route 22 has been increased by PENN DOT to 55 mph. WH supervisors not informed until after the fact.
- The road crew is busy paving and doing gutter clean out.
- A task force is being set up by the PUC concerning the impact fees of \$222,040,300 for 2014 which is to be distributed to county and municipalities.
- Route 39 projects underway – Creekvale and the apartments in front of the Baptist Church.
- Ted's Bar and Grill is underway on Oak Grove Road.

- Movies in the park started Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and will continue Tuesday nights until the end of summer.
- Senior luncheon is Thursday, June 18. Sign up by Friday, June 12.
- Strawberry Festival is Friday, June 12, at the Recreation Hall. This is a free event.
- Community Day is August 15, 11am – 3pm.
- Gloria is collecting donations for the Fisher House. Bob Stern made a motion to donate \$250 for the Fisher House, seconded by Terry Davis from Keystone Correctional Services. The motion was approved by the members.

Jay Megonnell from West Hanover Township Public Safety reports;

- Street #'s were changed on Bretz Drive.
- Parking at the ball fields around West Hanover was addressed.
- Hillside Drive around Fulton Bank was vacated.
- Meeting with the new commander of Troop H of PA State Police.

Jan Bahret from BC Interiors reminded us of the Lindenwood Showhouse and Gardens 2015. That's being held from Friday, May 22nd – Sunday, June 14th at 210 E. Lisburn Road, Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17055.

Upcoming community events were discussed. The 250<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for Linglestown will be held October 9, 10, and 11<sup>th</sup>. Also, the Dauphin County Heroes Grove has been started.

Our speaker/sponsor for our meeting was Betsy Howell from Redfern Canines. She has been located at 7540 Allentown Blvd for 5 years. At this location she offers training classes for family and pets. She encourages the whole family to attend the classes. Her classes are limited to 6 dogs. She uses positive reinforcement as a training tool. Betsy was joined in the presentation by her granddaughter and black Labrador puppy, Charm. They demonstrated the training technique of positive reinforcement for the Association. A dog scout troop is held at her facility. Instead of the people earning badges, the dogs earn them. She will be holding a dog day camp this summer for kids and their dogs. In addition to training dogs, Betsy also takes therapy dogs to various locations including the Hershey Medical Center, Paxton Street Ministries, Allegheny Schools, Central Dauphin and Central Dauphin East schools. She does this several times a week.

Our next meeting is being held on Thursday, August 13 with Harry Capper from Captures, LLC at the Park and Recreation Center. July's meeting will be the golf outing. See you all for breakfast meeting on August 13th at 7:15 a.m. and meeting to follow at 7:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Suhr and Bette Porter