

WES HANOVER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

October 12, 2017 Minutes

The WES Hanover Business Association met on Thursday, October 12, 2017, at the Skyline Diner for breakfast at 7:15 am. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 am with President Bette Porter of Fulton Bank presiding. There were 19 people present –15 members and 4 guests. The guests were Karen and Roy Keaton, Lead Volunteers of the Grantville, Area Food Pantry, Pastor Stiem of New Life Assembly of God, and Pastor Pfeiffer, of Lifepoint Church. We stood for Pledge of Allegiance followed by prayer by Pastor Steim.

Each person introduced themselves and their business they represent along with a 30 second commercial. September birthdays – Bob Stern, Gary Houck and Betsy Howell. October birthdays – Don Holmes and Joseph Jajich. A hearty “Happy Birthday” was sung to those members present – Don, Betsy and Bob.

Time for renewals for 2018. Membership dues are still only \$45.00. Remember guests have their first meeting free. Early bird special – a door prize will be given out to someone who pays before January – names will be put in a “hat” and one name will win the prize! Spread the word about our association to others who live or have a business in the WES locations as well as our neighboring townships.

We have the 2018 meeting schedule available if anyone would like to sign up to be a sponsor/speaker for a meeting. Please see Bette if you are interested.

We received a beautiful plaque from South Hanover Baseball and Softball Association in appreciation of our sponsorship.

A reminder that our Christmas Party is Friday, December 15th at 5:45 p.m. for appetizers and social time with dinner buffet starting at 6:30 p.m. There will be a cash bar throughout the evening. It’s at the Linglestown American Legion with the “Timeless Band” as the entertainment. The cost this year is \$20.00 for members and all guests. RSVP to Bette Porter by Friday, December 8th.

Our Deer Valley Golf outing was another successful event thanks to many of our WES members. A special thanks to Tom Shingara, Triple K Fleet Services for the beverage cart, John Langel, Servpro of Hershey for the bottles of water, Terry Davis, Keystone Correctional for sport memorabilia, 4 rounds of golf at Eagle Rock Golf Course and monetary donation and also Bob Stern, Deer Valley Golf Course for 4 rounds of golf at Deer Valley Golf Course. Thanks to our golf committee of Jan Bahret, Bette Porter, Terry Davis, Mike Geppert and John Langel. Thank you to our other volunteers who were Devon DiBiase, John Vigilante and Mike Yingling! Also, thank you Mike Yingling for taking pictures throughout the event. Thanks for all the ones who sponsored a tee, brought door prizes or golfed. It was great seeing how many of our WES members participated in some way for our golf outing. Thank you so much!!! Our profit from the golf outing was \$2,466.96!

Treasurer report by Jan Bahret, treasurer. Balance is \$3,730.82.

A motion to accept the report was made by Paul Wagner of Hershey Federal Credit Union with a second by Mike Yingling of Remax Delta Group. Motion was voted upon and approved by members

A motion to accept the August 10, 2017, minutes as written was made by Jan Bahret of B.C. Interiors with a second by Josh Clelan of Remax Delta Group. Thanks Diane Suhr for taking the minutes. Motion was voted upon and approved by members.

Report from East Hanover Township – Paul Cornell, Township Manager:

- Public Works Director is retiring at the end of the year. Starting the search for his replacement.
- Working on the \$12 million sewer project, the park & recreation project which includes the installation of an 18 hole disc golf course on the park located at the East Hanover Township Municipal complex. This includes a master trail system.
- Sheetz located at the corner of 743 and 22 has final plan approved. Anticipate starting work in December.

- Working on the 2018 budget.

Report from South Hanover Township – Deb Force, new Township Manager – not present.

Report from West Hanover Township – Gloria Zimmerman and Don Steinmeier, supervisors, not present. Don Holmes, Park & Rec Director gave us a list of upcoming events.

- 10/17 – Pumpkin carving
- 10/19 – Music in the Park at Skyline Park starting at 6:30
- 11/4 – Harvest Festival. New event this year which includes a country band, scarecrow decorating contest, food truck.

Upcoming events in the community include:

- 250th Anniversary celebration of Lower Paxton Township to be held at George Park.

It's also time for anyone who would like to be on the board for our WES association to let Bette know. So far we have Bette Porter running for President, Mike Geppert for Vice President, Devon DiBiase for Secretary, and Jan Bahret for Treasurer. Also, if anyone would like to run for President, Treasurer or Secretary, please let Bette know. Please plan on attending our November meeting since we'll be voting on our 2018 board members.

Our sponsor for today is Paul Wagner of Hershey Federal Credit Union. They are celebrating their 10th anniversary in South Hanover Township. Their guest and speaker is Karen Keaton from Grantville Food Pantry. The Grantville Food Pantry is located at the Faith United Church of Christ of Grantville which is near the corner of Routes 743 and 22. It is currently open every Thursday, 6-8 pm and Friday from 10 am -12 noon. Clients of the Pantry include individuals from East Hanover Township, Dauphin County, East Hanover Township, Lebanon County, South Hanover Township and West Hanover Township. On Wednesday mornings the Pantry is restocked by volunteers. Food is brought in from the Central Penn Food Bank as well as various grocery stores who donate bread and baked goods. Karen explained the various services that the Food Pantry provides. Individuals qualify for food based on their household size and income. Services provided include:

- Groceries
- Gas cards
- Rental assistance
- Gently used clothing
- Small appliances
- Dauphin County Library read to children in the summer
- Flu shots are given in conjunction with Hershey Medical Center

They also participate in a program run by Amanda Buse which provides backpacks of food to children for over the weekend when they do not get a school lunch. There are currently 120 students who receive these backpacks. The Pantry relies heavily on donations from the area churches and grants. East Hanover Township provides a grant to the Pantry. The volunteers come from 4 of the area churches who are responsible for a particular week of each month. The clients of the Food Pantry receive much more than the tangible goods. They enjoy coming to the Food Pantry on a weekly basis in order to socialize with other people. Here they get a sympathetic ear and caring words. We are truly blessed to have this program in our area.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 9. Our speaker/sponsor for that meeting is Natalie Kratzer of Thrivent Financial. Hope to see everyone here for our next meeting!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Suhr