

WES Hanover Business Association

October 13, 2016

Meeting Minutes

The WES Hanover Business Association met on Thursday October 13, 2016 at the West Hanover Recreation Center for breakfast at 7:15 am. The meeting started at 7:30 am with Bette Porter, president, presiding. She called the meeting to order and welcomed 18 members and 2 guests. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance to the American flag followed by prayer by Pastor Randy Hunt of Susquehanna Valley Evangelical Free Church.

Our guests this month were Frank Dominick and Mike Geppert Jr, both from Energy Plus. Each person introduced themselves and what business they represent.

The only October birthday is Jay Reale, not present this morning.

Bette once again asked everyone to spread the word about our association to those who live or have their business in the WES locations as well as our neighboring areas. Dues for 2017 are still only \$45.00. An early bird special is if you pay your membership of \$45.00 by our November meeting, you will be entered into a drawing for a door prize!!!

We are still looking for any active members who would help with the membership committee. The goal is to call or go out and visit local businesses and let them know about our organization.

Voting is next month for our 2017 board members. So far we have Jan Bahret running for treasurer and Bette Porter running for president. We are still in need of a vice president and a secretary. If anyone is interested please let Bette know ASAP.

Bette handed out the invitation to this year's Christmas party being held Friday December 9 at the Linglestown American Legion with entertainment from Charles Lee. Cost is \$10 for members and for each guest they bring. The party starts at 6:00 p.m. with appetizers and buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. RSVP by December 2nd to Bette or Deb Fleisher at Fulton Bank, 7761 Allentown Blvd. Hbg. Pa 17112 or bring your reservation and money to our November meeting.

Thanks to all who sponsored a month in 2016. If you would like to sponsor a month in 2017 please let Bette know.

Bette shared with everyone 1) the thank you card we received from Dave Romeo, last month's special speaker and 2) the beautiful plaque we received from South Hanover Baseball/Softball Association for supporting them in the 2016 season. Both were passed around for all to see.

We are still trying to get a solid date reserved for our September 2017 golf outing at Deer Valley Gold Course. We are tentatively looking at Friday September 8th. Bob Stern will confirm.

Reports:

- 1) Treasurers Report – In Tom Stewarts absence Bette gave the report. Current balance is \$4,472.85. Motion was made by Jan Bahret of Bahret Interiors to accept, seconded by Daryl Weaver of Auto Tech Automotive. Approved by all.

- 2) Minutes (thanks to Diane Suhr) from September 2016 meeting were emailed to all members. Motion made by Gloria Zimmerman of West Hanover Twp to accept, seconded by Pastor Randy Hunt of Susquehanna Valley Evangelical Free Church. Approved by all.
- 3) East Hanover Township - Paul Cornell – The new Public Works Building is near completion. Discussions are in process on how space will be used once Public Works moves out. A committee has been formed to examine the Comprehension Plan. 2020 sewer project is underway. 2017 Budget preparation is underway, hopefully to be approved by December.
- 4) South Hanover Township – Penny Pollick – no report, Penny was not in attendance.
- 5) West Hanover Township – Gloria Zimmerman - a new Park and Recreation director and assistant director have been hired. They will be moving in a new direction. They will keep a lot of the old programs and make things better. They will also be targeting the 12-16 age groups and adults. Road crew is working on gutters, patching and preparing roads for winter. Still looking for a Building Inspector. Working on budget for 2017, grants for county for casino money, fire house debt, exit 77 and recreations grants. They are trying to develop a Park & Ride at the recreation building. Fall events: Pumpkin carving and Hayride, Sr Luncheon 3rd Thursdays, Breakfast with Santa, Yule Log Festival. The addition to the rec center is coming along nicely. All bus trip information is in pockets on wall.

Upcoming events: Oct 27th, 10:00am-12:00pm Senior Expo at the Antique Automobile Museum.

Nov 22nd, 6:00-8:00 – Concealed to Carry Course – Capital Baptist Church. To register you must call 652-3721.

Our sponsor / guest speaker for this meeting was Energy Plus. Owners Mike Geppert Sr, and Mike Geppert Jr presented the history of the company as well as a brief overview of the various businesses that have grown out of Energy Plus. Employee Frank Dominick was also part of the presentation to discuss the newest entity, ADSS, a new type of technology being used to eliminate bacteria.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10th. Our speaker/sponsor for that meeting is Natalie Kratzer of Thrivent Financial. This will be our last meeting for 2016. Hope you can make it.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Fleisher
Secretary