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**East Hills Business Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2010**

Attendees

Thirty-three (33) East Hills Business Association members and guests were present.

Opening Remarks

The regular monthly meeting of the East Hills Business Association was called to order at 12:20pm by President Kathy DePra.

Kathy thanked Anthony's for hosting this month's meeting.

The introduction of members and guests took place, with the opportunity for brief announcements.

Attendees were reminded that at the August meeting, members voted by a show of hands to discontinue the 50/50 drawing.

Kathy requested approval of the October minutes, which were made available on the EHBA website, and also distributed to members present at the meeting. Motion to approve made by John Ricilli; seconded by Eva Eagler; minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Fisher reported that the checking account balance is \$3,856.35. The organization brought in \$370.00 from the October luncheon, and \$85.00 in membership dues. EHBA paid \$386.10 for the September luncheon; \$80.00 for the Turkey Trotter fundraiser tickets; and \$825.00 for the following donations:

- Richland Township Police Department safe "Trick-or-Treat": \$100.00
- Rotary Club of Johnstown Dictionary Project for 3rd Graders: \$225.00
- Johnstown Generals Sponsorship: \$500.00

The organization purchased PPAC tickets (\$74.00) to be raffled at the Holiday Party, and two shirts for giveaways at the golf outing (\$51.96).

The balance in the certificate of deposit is \$1,568.64; the CD will become due on December 7, 2010.

Kathy requested approval of the October treasurer's report; motion to approve made by Gary Bentz; seconded by Eda Champanella; treasurer's report approved.

Secretary's Report

Dorene Miller reported that the organization now has 83 members.

Membership Chair's Report

In Veronica Hordubay's absence, Kathy announced that the Holiday Kick-Off Mixer will be held on Wednesday, November 24th from 5:00—7:00 at Nyko's Restaurant. The price will be \$5.00 each for members and guests, and includes appetizers and one drink ticket. Walt Churchey and Jackie Kopko will provide musical entertainment for the evening. At this time, nine members have registered.

The EHBA Holiday Party will be held on Thursday, December 9th from 5:30—8:30 at Ambrosia Fine Dining. The price will be \$10.00 each for members and guests, and includes musical entertainment, a wide variety of appetizers and two drink tickets. Members are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for "Toys for Tots." Several items will be raffled, including tickets to "A Christmas Carol" at PPAC. At this time, seven members have registered.

Vice-President's Report

In Rodney Hatfield's absence, Kathy reminded members that there will not be a meeting in December.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

The following donation appeal has been received:

- **Saturday's Kitchen:** Sponsorship of a meal, which consists of a \$350.00 donation and eight volunteers to serve food, on Sunday, May 8, 2011, from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Contact person is Joan Bost (536-3473).

The officers summarized the organization's activities and accomplishments in 2010:

Kathy DePra gave the following recap:

EHBA's 501(c)6 application has been submitted and approved. The legal situation regarding the former treasurer should be resolved by the end of 2010. The use of paper voting ballots has been successful.

At the beginning of 2010, members voted on the following issues:

- ✓ Eliminate PayPal – Yes
- ✓ Provide name tags – No
- ✓ Donate only to EHBA members – No
- ✓ Cap on donations – Yes (\$500.00)
- Budget for charitable donations at beginning of each year – Yes
- Executive committee for donation allocation decisions – Yes
- New member committee for recruitment and new member orientation – Yes
- ✓ Booth at Small Business Expo – Yes
- Two Roundtables – Yes
- ✓ Member introductions with brief "commercials" – Yes
- Assign a mentor to new members – Yes
- Photos of members on EHBA website – Yes
- ✓ Charge quarterly meal dues – No

Chris Fisher reported that the Golf Outing proceeds were \$7,169.00; after expenses of \$4,949.12 were subtracted, the organization raised \$2,219.88 from this event. The organization donated a total of \$3,274.00 to a number of worthy causes. The current balance in the checking account is \$4,256.35, which includes a refund of \$400.00 for the 502(c)6 user fee. The balance of \$4,256.35 is down \$1,206.61 from the November 2009 balance of \$5,462.96.

In Veronica Hordubay's absence, Kathy DePra provided the following information:

EHBA welcomed 22 new members, including FWF Insurance (from the Golf outing) and Johnstown Generals (from the Small Business Expo), and retained 61 members, for a total membership of 83.

In addition to the Holiday Kick-Off Mixer, two other mixers were held – a St. Patrick’s Day mixer at Penn Highlands Community College, who joined in July, and a Summer Fun mixer at The Tonic Grille, who joined in May.

EHBA sponsored a booth at the Small Business Expo, which provided excellent PR for the organization. Members also volunteered for Richland Community Days.

In Rodney Hatfield’s absence, Chris Fisher provided the following summary of our monthly meetings and speakers:

January – MetLife	Kelly Callihan , District Attorney
February – MetLife	Patty Felton , RN, Director, Joyce Murtha Breast Care Center at Windber Medical Center.
March – Arbutus Park Manor	Leah Spangler , Executive Director, The Learning Lamp.
April – Arbutus Park Manor	Joe Ponchione of Ponchione Financial, LLC.
May – Anthony’s	Bill Gething , President, Rotary Club of Richland.
June – Anthony’s	Alleghenies United Cerebral Palsy: Scott Gilmore , Business Development Specialist and Allen Hockenberry , Director of Business Intelligence & Information Technology.
July – The Tonic Grille	Jim Miliauskas , Executive Director, East Hills Recreation Commission and Co-chair, Richland Community Days.
August – The Tonic Grille	John Ricilli , AT&T Business Wireless Consultant.
September – Nyko’s Restaurant	Terry Deitz , General Manager, Forever Broadcasting.
October – Nyko’s Restaurant	Cindy O’Connor , Director, Goodwill Youth Mentorship Program.

After the 2010 recap, officer descriptions and nomination forms were distributed. Members were reminded that the election for 2011 officers will be held at the January meeting.

Upcoming Events

In Rodney Hatfield’s absence, Kathy announced that the next meeting will be January 20, 2011, 12:00 noon, at Ambrosia Fine Dining.

The February 17th meeting will also be held at Ambrosia Fine Dining.

Give-Aways

- Winner of the free lunch was Rosalie Kaszycki, of First Commonwealth Bank.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 12:51pm was made by Jennifer Tiffany; seconded by Mike Bodolosky.

Minutes submitted by:

Dorene Miller, Secretary

Date: January 17, 2011