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**East Hills Business Association  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2011**

**Attendance**

Thirty-eight (38) members and guests were present.

**Opening Remarks**

The regular monthly meeting of the East Hills Business Association was called to order at 12:25pm by President Kathy DePra.

Kathy thanked Dave Bowser of Ambrosia Fine Dining for hosting this month's meeting.

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

Members were asked to place promotional materials on the check-in table instead of the dining tables, for optimum visibility. To save resources, members should collect leftover promotional materials instead of leaving them on the table to be discarded.

Kathy announced that she now has the Johnstown Generals tickets to replace the vouchers that were distributed to winners at the January meeting and the December holiday party. If you were a winner, please bring your voucher to the March meeting or contact Kathy at 262-1053 to arrange the exchange.

Kathy requested approval of the January minutes, which were posted on the website, and also distributed to members present at the meeting. Motion to approve made by Barry Critchfield; seconded by Gary Bentz; minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Chris Fisher reported that the checking account balance is \$2,599.88. The organization brought in \$390.00 from the January luncheon, and \$445.00 in membership dues. The organization paid \$377.58 for the January luncheon. No donations were made.

The balance in the certificate of deposit is \$1,580.44.

Kathy requested approval of the January treasurer's report; motion to approve made by Eva Eagler; seconded by Melinda Novak; treasurer's report approved.

### **Secretary's Report**

Dorene Miller reported that the organization has twenty-five (25) paid members to date. Members were reminded to submit their 2011 application and dues before February 28<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available at all meetings and on the website at [www.easthillsbusiness.com](http://www.easthillsbusiness.com).

### **Membership Chair's Report**

Veronica Hordubay will provide information on a possible Spring Mixer.

### **Old Business**

Kathy reported that the legal issue concerning a previous treasurer has been resolved. Full restitution of \$5,543.00 is to be made in March. A check for \$2,000.00 was issued to Wessel & Co. in payment of the forensic audit. It was noted that the former officer's record will be cleared of all charges after a probationary period. The East Hills Business Association is satisfied with the outcome of this unfortunate incident and can now move forward.

### **New Business**

It was brought to Kathy's attention that the organization may want to conduct all luncheon meetings at Ambrosia, and rotate the Mixers at other member locations. The officers will discuss this proposal at an officers' meeting in the near future. A three-month rotation, instead of a two-month rotation, may also be considered as an option.

Members were advised that if their company or organization would like to hold a meeting at their location, the meeting host must hire the caterer; the bill will be paid by EHBA.

### **Requests for Donations**

There are no donation solicitations to be voted upon this month. The donations procedure continues to be a topic of discussion, as no members have volunteered for the donations committee. Anyone interested in serving on this important committee should contact Kathy DePra as soon as possible.

### **Vice-President's Report**

John Ricilli informed members that there will be two speakers scheduled at each meeting; speakers will be restricted to EHBA members only. Members need to contact John as soon as possible to reserve their ten-minute speaking opportunity.

### **February's Featured Speaker**

John informed the group that one of the scheduled speakers, Don Cowie, AXA Advisors LLC, was unable to attend today's meeting. He then introduced Mike Bodolosky, Executive Director, Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center. Mr. Bodolosky spoke about the performance of "Swan Lake" by the State Ballet Theatre of Russia, from the city of Voronezh, on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Young dancers from local studios had the opportunity to meet and talk to the ballet corps. He also discussed the exciting world-famous shows that will be presented at PPAC: Red Priest, River North Chicago, Cirque Mechanics—Boom Town, Gaelic Storm, Gregory Popovich Comedy Pet Theatre, Viver Brasil, and The Music Man, to name a few.

The “not-to-be-missed” event is PPAC’s “Showcase of the Stars” on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, which features talented students from our region’s high schools performing scenes from their musicals and dramas. This event sold out quickly last year, so get your tickets early!

Mr. Bodolosky also announced that 2012 marks PPAC’s 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He provided members with the PPAC 2010-2011 season brochure, and generously donated ten sets of tickets to be raffled at the meeting. More information is available at [www.upjarts.org](http://www.upjarts.org); tickets may be purchased online or at the box office.

### **Upcoming Events**

John Riccilli announced that the next meeting will be March 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon, at Ambrosia Fine Dining. The featured speaker will be James Kirschman, District Manager, Business Records Management.

### **Give-Aways**

Free lunch: Kathy DePra, First Commonwealth Bank.

PPAC tickets: Mike Bodolosky donated ten (10) sets of tickets to PPAC performances.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:10pm was made by Tom Chernisky and seconded by Bob Vamos.

Minutes submitted by:

Dorene Miller, Secretary

Date: February 27, 2011