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**East Hills Business Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2011**

Attendance

Thirty-five (35) members and guests were present; there were eight (8) no-shows.

Opening Remarks

The regular monthly meeting of the East Hills Business Association was called to order at 12:17pm by President Kathy DePra.

Kathy thanked Eva Eagler for hosting this month's meeting at Windber Place.

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

Kathy requested approval of the March minutes, which were posted on the website, and also distributed to members present at the meeting. Motion to approve made by Jennifer Tiffany; seconded by Matt Di Francesco; minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Fisher reported that the checking account balance is \$11,403.14. The organization brought in \$915.00 in membership dues and \$370.00 from the March luncheon. The organization paid \$400.00 for the March luncheon, and paid \$194.95 to Pappas for the website maintenance. The balance in the certificate of deposit is \$1,568.64.

Kathy requested approval of the March treasurer's report. Motion to approve made by Ed Porada; seconded by Melinda Novak; treasurer's report approved.

Secretary's Report

Dorene Miller reported that the organization has 63 paid members, and one unpaid member.

Old Business

Restitution in the amount of \$7,543.00 was received in March, and the legal case has been closed.

New Business

Veronica Hordubay welcomed new members: American Cancer Society, Business Networking Group of Johnstown, Dentworks of Western PA, Ebensburg Country Club, and Somerset Trust Co.

Membership Chair's Report

Veronica reported that the Mixer scheduled for Thursday, April 28th had to be moved to the Nectar Lounge, as no alcohol is permitted at the Holiday Inn Express. By a show of hands at today's meeting, this event will now be a casual get-together from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Members are to inform Kathy of their attendance.

Veronica reported that the EHBA Golf Outing will be held on Monday, August 8th, at the Ebensburg Country Club. The fee is \$100 per golfer; \$400 for a foursome. Hole sponsorships are \$50. Veronica asked for members to promote the fundraiser, volunteer to help at the event, and donate items for door prizes. A flyer was e-mailed to members, and the Golf Outing is posted on the EHBA website under the "Events" tab.

March Donation Voting Results

No voting was conducted.

Requests for Donations

- Highland Community Library
 - WineFest sponsorship: \$250.00
- UCP
 - Golf Outing sponsorship: \$300.00
- YMCA
 - Annual Campaign for Youth Programs: \$100.00 or \$300.00

Ballots were distributed to the members for a vote on these requests for donations.

April's Featured Speakers

John Riccilli introduced EHBA member Dorene Miller, Director of the Highland Community Library, and Tresa McVicker, WineFest Marketing Volunteer. Ms. Miller gave an interactive presentation on the library's 2010 statistics and highlighted the benefits of using the library's resources instead of purchasing books, audiobooks, and DVDs. Ms. McVicker spoke about her experiences as both a WineFest volunteer and a library patron. She encouraged EHBA members to support the invaluable services and programs of the library by attending and/or sponsoring the WineFest, which is the library's premier annual fundraiser.

Upcoming Events

John Riccilli announced that the next meeting will be Thursday, May 19th, 12:00 noon, at Windber Place, which is located at Windber Medical Center (across from the Joyce Murtha Breast Care Center). Speaker(s) to be announced.

Nyko's Restaurant will host both the June 16th meeting and the July 21st meeting.

Give-Aways

Free lunch: Sherry Lohr, First National Bank.

Four WineFest tickets (EHBA sponsorship benefit) were raffled to members.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pat Kerr and seconded by Lois Spory.

Minutes submitted by:

Dorene Miller, Secretary

Date: May 19, 2011