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**East Hills Business Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2011**

Attendance

Twenty-nine (29) members and guests were present; there were seven (7) walk-ins and five (5) no-shows.

Opening Remarks

The regular monthly meeting of the East Hills Business Association was called to order at 12:19pm 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.

Kathy requested approval of the July minutes, which were available on the website and distributed to members present at the meeting. Motion to approve made by Bob Bassett; seconded by Lois Spory; minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Fisher reported that the checking account balance is \$10,817.04. The organization brought in \$70.00 in membership dues and \$190.00 from the July luncheon, and paid \$190.00 for the July luncheons. No donations were distributed in July. The balance in the certificate of deposit is \$1,568.64.

Kathy requested approval of the July treasurer's report. Motion to approve made by Kevin Oleksa; seconded by Eve Eagler; treasurer's report approved.

Secretary's Report

Dorene Miller reported that the organization now has 72 members; Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield joined in July.

Old Business

Kathy reported that John Riccilli and Jason Kaplitz will co-chair the 2012 Golf Outing, which will be held on Monday, September 17, 2012, at the Ebensburg Country Club. Members are urged to volunteer, as planning needs to begin now to ensure a successful event.

Members were reminded to provide Dorene with updates on name and address changes for the EHBA website.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

August Donation Voting Results

- Mike Bodolosky, Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center \$250.00 for ½ page program advertisement
- Shannon Wingard, B & B Floral Gifts & Tanning \$150.00 for shirt sponsorship for Richland Girls Soccer Team

Featured Speaker

Vice-President John Riccilli introduced Shannon Wingard of B & B Floral Gifts & Tanning, who provided a brief history of the shop, which was founded in 1987 by her father. Ms. Wingard described herself as a self-taught floral designer who began working at B & B in 1988; she became the sole proprietor in 1997. B & B is a full service floral and gift shop that is noted for incorporating special personal items in their funeral arrangements. In addition to fresh flowers for every occasion, unique fruit and floral arrangements can be created for corporate occasions and events. Long distance orders can be placed through the shop's website at www.bbfloral.com as the shop is an FTD florist and a member of the Teleflora network. She brought a beautiful Yankee Candle "Crazy Daisy" floral arrangement as an example of her work.

Ms. Wingard also spoke about the shop's benevolent projects such as selling daffodils for the American Cancer Society every March, and the Windber Medical Center's hospice program. She then spoke about the Richland Girls Soccer Team, who volunteer for Special Olympics and PARC, and asked for a \$150.00 shirt sponsorship for the team. The shirts would feature the EHBA logo on the sleeve to acknowledge our donation.

Upcoming Events

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 15th, 12:00 noon, at Anthony's Mediterranean Grill; speaker to be announced. The location of the October 20th meeting is to be determined. Kathy informed members that the November 17th meeting will be lunch and a tour at the Windber Research Institute.

Give-Aways

Free lunch: Beth Jeschonek, First National Bank.

"Crazy Daisy" arrangement, donated by Shannon Wingard: Shirley Stuby, Somerset Trust.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 12:44pm was made by Tom Chernisky; seconded by Karen Spencer.

Minutes submitted by:

Dorene Miller, Secretary

Date: September 14, 2011