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**East Hills Business Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2011**

Attendance

_____ members and guests were present; there were _____ walk-ins and _____ no-shows. (Attendance figures were not available at the time of publication to the website.)

Opening Remarks

The regular monthly meeting of the East Hills Business Association was called to order at 12:00 noon by President Kathy DePra.

Kathy thanked Ambrosia 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 September minutes, which were available on the website and distributed to members present at the meeting. Motion to approve made by Barry Critchfield; seconded by Barb Fortunato; minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Fisher reported that the checking account balance is \$10,455.14. The organization brought in \$180.00 from the September luncheon, and paid \$161.17 for the September luncheon. No membership dues were received and no donations were distributed. The balance in the certificate of deposit is \$1,589.19.

Kathy requested approval of the September treasurer's report. Motion to approve made by Pat Kerr; seconded by Kevin Oleksa; treasurer's report approved.

Secretary's Report

Dorene Miller reported that the organization remains at 72 members. A thank-you letter was received from the Alleghenies United Cerebral Palsy Foundation for our support of their annual golf tournament.

Old Business

There will be no meeting in December. The Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 7th, 6:00pm, at Ambrosia's Nectar Lounge. Nonperishable foods will be collected for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry; please bring your donations to the party.

Barb Fortunato needs at least three volunteers to help plan the EHBA Annual Golf Outing on September 17, 2012, at the Ebensburg Country Club. Please consider donating your time and talents for this fundraiser – remember, proceeds are donated back to organizations in our own backyard!

New Business

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2012 slate of officers. All offices are open (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and membership chair), and members are encouraged to submit nominations to be placed on the voting ballot. Nominations will be announced at the November 17th meeting; the election will take place at the January 19, 2012, meeting.

Members were reminded that their 2012 EHBA dues will need to be paid in January. A 2012 membership form will be e-mailed to each person who has subscribed to the website, and will also be available on the website and at the monthly meetings.

EHBA members were also reminded that they should deduct the \$35.00 discount when paying their dues to the Greater Johnstown/Cambria County Chamber of Commerce, as the Chamber does not issue refunds.

October Donation Voting Results

- Richland Police Department \$100 for *Safe Trick or Treat Night*
- AUCP \$200 for 8 tickets to Turkey Trotter fundraiser on November 12th

Featured Speaker

Vice-President John Riccilli introduced Donna Jones, Benefits Consultant, Highmark Medicare Solutions. Ms. Jones provided a brief explanation of Medicare Part A and Part B and described the town meetings that are held in several locations throughout seven counties. At-home informational sessions are also available for individuals unable to attend a town meeting. Brochures and pens were distributed to members present at the meeting.

Upcoming Events

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 17th, 12:00 noon, at the Windber Research Institute. The meeting will feature a tour of the facility instead of a speaker.

Give-Aways

Free lunch: Mike Bodolosky, Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center.

Eight Turkey Trotter tickets, purchased by EHBA, were raffled to members.

T-shirts were also raffled.

Adjournment

There was no motion to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes submitted by:

Dorene Miller, Secretary

Date: November 8, 2011