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

Attendance

Twenty-two (22) members and guests were present.

Opening Remarks

Members were provided with a tour of the Windber Research Institute before lunch. The regular monthly meeting of the East Hills Business Association was called to order at 12:55pm by President Kathy DePra.

Kathy thanked Thomas Kurtz, President & CEO of the Windber Research Institute for hosting this month's meeting and conducting the tour of the facility.

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

Kathy requested approval of the October minutes, which were available on the website and distributed to members present at the meeting. Motion to approve made by Barry Critchfield; seconded by Mike Stevens; minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

In Chris Fisher's absence, Kathy reported that the checking account balance is \$10,171.40. The organization brought in \$250.00 from the October luncheon, and paid \$233.74 for the October luncheon. No membership dues were received. A donation of \$100.00 was made to the Richland Police Department for *Safe Trick or Treat Night*; a donation of \$200.00 was made to the AUCP for 8 Turkey Trotter tickets. The balance in the certificate of deposit is \$1,589.19.

Kathy advised members that she will need to be reimbursed for the November luncheon, as she did not have the EHBA checkbook at the meeting to pay the bill.

Kathy requested approval of the October treasurer's report. Motion to approve made by Bob Bassett; seconded by Matt DiFrancesco; treasurer's report approved.

Secretary's Report

Dorene Miller reported that the organization remains at 72 members. ***Members were again reminded that the 2012 dues will be payable in January, and were advised to send their completed application and payment as soon as possible.*** Applications were distributed to attendees at the meeting; all members will receive an e-mail with the form attached.

Jason Kaplitz volunteered to assist with a Membership Drive.

Old Business

Members were reminded that the election of officers will take place at the meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2012. Nomination forms were collected; Kathy will contact nominees for their acceptance/rejection of the nomination. Members will be notified via e-mail about the election and will be provided with a list of the candidates.

Secretary Dorene Miller and Vice-President John Riccilli announced that they will not seek reelection to their respective offices in 2012.

New Business

The question was raised concerning a donation for the holiday season. Kathy said that last year it was difficult to contact the Marines to pick up the donations for Toys for Tots, and asked for ideas from members. Laura Thomas suggested either the Family Kitchen or the Rocky "Warmth" children's coat project.

November Donation Voting Results

Ballots were distributed to the members to decide on the holiday donation; members voted to make the following donation:

- Rocky "Warmth" children's coat project \$500.00

Featured Speaker

John Riccilli introduced Thomas Kurtz, President & CEO, Windber Research Institute. Mr. Kurtz thanked the organization for visiting the facility, and fielded questions from the group.

Upcoming Events

Kathy reminded members that there will be no meeting in December. The Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 7th, 5:30pm, at Ambrosia's Nectar Lounge. Nonperishable foods will be collected for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry; please bring donations to the party.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 19, 2012. The location and speaker will be announced at a later date.

Give-Aways

Free lunch: Mike Stevens, Mainline National Bank.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Barry Critchfield; seconded by Matt DiFrancesco.

Minutes submitted by:

Dorene Miller, Secretary

Date: January 4, 2012