

June 25, 2008

Those in attendance included: Suzie McCombie (Mainline Newspapers), Jeff Lantzy, John Rouse, Robert Paterno, Jennifer Tiffany, Barb Kirby, Tim Whited, Fran Filkins, Karen Cammera, Joe Harties, Chuck Contres, Leah McAndrews, John Sabuto and Lynn Watt.

The meeting was called to order.

The minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the May minutes was made by Barb Kirby and seconded by John Rouse.

Financial Report was reviewed and noted. See attached.

Correspondence reviewed.

Ad on Ebensburg Area Business Commission will be handled by Fran.

Laurel Crest Manor sent in correspondence for their golf tournament. Tim will look into this.

Membership: 120 members including two new: Precision Business Solutions and West Branch Materials.

Guests: Jennifer Tiffany, Johnstown Area-Cambria County Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Tiffany expressed an interest in bridging the gap between Johnstown and the northern area of the county. The chamber has a membership data base located at Johnstownbusiness.com with 19,000 hits a month and a new business website is being formed. Ms. Tiffany announced that individuals will have a \$50 deduction in their Chamber dues if they are a member of the NCABA. She and Tim Whited, NCABA membership chairman, will work the particulars out for 2009 memberships.

Small business expo – September 11 by the Johnstown Chamber at the Pasqueralla Center in Johnstown. Fran Filkins suggested that we attend, however, workers will be needed. It was decided that if we can find someone to attend the booth, we would secure space.

A business after hours will be hosted by Capital Health Care Solutions from 5-7 p.m. on August 21st in Ebensburg.

RODP: no new news as they meet quarterly. The next project of the RODP will be to officially name the tourism region and to establish a map of the community. The NCABA discussed the possibility of paying to have actual businesses listed on the map. It is to our understanding that the new map would only include non-profit businesses such as parks. This would leave out golf courses, restaurants, hotels, etc. Fran Filkins, Tim Whited, Mary Jane Bearer and Sam Taranto all sit on the RODP board and will discuss it at the next meeting.

Health & Wealth Gala will be October 25th. The theme will be changed to an “Oktoberfest” event including a raffle.

Scholarship was awarded to Stephanie Paronish of Northern Cambria High School. She received a \$500 scholarship for Pennsylvania Highlands Community College.

Golf: we have \$500 tournament sponsors: Asera Care, Hastings Bottling Works, and MedVan. There are 20 teams. Mixer will follow. Everyone was reminded that they do not have to golf to attend the free mixer.

Cambria County Community Night at the Altoona Curve is July 19th. Please contact Denny Watson at the Curve for tickets.

New Business:

Joe Harties – “Beating the Odds” a program to help instill good decision making skills in children presented a short synapses of the program. Mr. Harties would like to spearhead a group in the northern area of Cambria County to form a chapter of “Beating the Odds”.

Career Expo. The career expo was canceled. This was an executive decision and not a decision by the career planning committee. Only six employers showed interest and two or three of those canceled at the last minute.

Fran Filkins will be taking minutes and serving as secretary in the interim of Erin Gabany who is on medical leave until October.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tim Whited and seconded by Leah McAdrews.

Next meeting will be Wed., July 23rd at the City Hotel.