

## **TUXEDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

February 4th, 2009

**Members Present:** Heather Bowie, Allstate of Nanuet  
Dale Mottola, Applied Systems Group  
Kristen Huss, Hudson Valley Renegades  
Jerry Mottola, Jerico/ U.S.P.S  
Natalie Pearson, Keeper Stores  
Dominic Filippone, Prudential Rand Realty  
Don Blum, Shopper's Service  
Dick Spiegel, SOS Fuels  
Jennifer Hartley, Taverna Tuxedo  
Nanette Bieber, Tuxedo Park Business Portfolio  
Sue Heywood, Tuxedo Performing Arts Group  
Andrew Berish, Tuxedo Silver Dollars  
Diane Petrosky, Tuxedo Union Free School District

**Others Present;** Pastor Agnes, United Methodist Church, Sloatsburg  
Judy Grady and Dana Roccasecca, Food Pantry

**Call to Order:** Dale Mottola, President, called the regular monthly meeting of the Tuxedo Chamber of Commerce to order at 5:37PM on Wednesday, February 4th, 2009 at the Food Pantry at the United Methodist Church, Sloatsburg.

**Financial Report:** Dale was hoping to have a breakdown for the meeting rather than just the assets. The bank balance as of February 1, 2009 is \$14,875.65.

**The Chamber Has A Heart Campaign:** Dale explained that the campaign started as a support for the food pantry and to help Tuxedo residents in these economic times. Prudential Rand and Joy Tanzman had a big hand at this and this is now in honor of Joy and her commitment. Until the end of February, 7 donation jars have been placed throughout local businesses in Tuxedo to collect money for the food pantry.

Dana Roccasecca who is on the board for the food pantry and a representative of St Mary's Church, is very happy that Tuxedo is here, especially because of this economy. Judy Grady explained how the food pantry supplies those in need and how the pantry obtains the supplies they need. She also told the members that they have volunteers that will deliver to those who are not able to come into the food bank. She also mentioned that if you have clothing or household goods that they are always looking for donations for the Thrift Shop next door to the Food Pantry.

**Preliminary Discussion Clean Sweep:** It was decided at the January meeting that the Chamber would continue with the Clean Sweep in 2009. Dale asked the Tuxedo Park School if the 25<sup>th</sup> of April would be okay but she has yet to hear back from them. Dale suggested that it would be a good idea to send out requests for sponsorships (which will be combined with banner sponsorships), as we must again supply bright T-shirts as a safety consideration for participants. Dale also let the Chamber members know about the upcoming recycling event sponsored by the Tuxedo Park School which is slated for March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Little League Sponsorship:** Dale received information from the Little League and the cost is \$350 for a team sponsor. It was then decided that the Chamber sponsor an outfield sign instead for \$300 because it was thought that it would have more “bang for the buck.”

**Focus on Business:** Dale is currently researching for prices on Chamber decals for business windows. Dale has already requested a price from AMD Factory. Dale is also pricing for doing a group advertisement in the Tuxedo Park Business Portfolio. Each business that participates is looking to spend \$24 per month for the ad in the TPB Portfolio.

**Other Business:** Kristen from the HV Renegades passed out the Renegades schedule for 2009. Kristen also coordinated last year’s event with the Little League.

Dale remarked that Mr Latini is scheduled to move his manufacturing business into Duck Cedar Plaza in May, and that he expects a 2400 sq ft upscale restaurant to open around the same time; an ice cream parlor is expected to open in July.

Tuxedo Sushi passed the health department inspection today and they will be open for business on Valentines Day.

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, the choir for St Thomas on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be at St Mary’s. Tickets are available at Tuxedo Park Proffered Properties and Tuxedo Wine and Liquors. If you show your ticket at Taverna Tuxedo before the concert you will be able to receive a special dinner for only \$15 per person.

**Adjourn Meeting:** 7:10PM