

**TUXEDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

January 2, 2008

MINUTES

Members Present: Dale Mottola, Applied Systems Group
Heather Bowie, Allstate of Nanuet
Jerry Mottola, Jerico/ U.S.P.S
Natalie Pearson, KeeperStores
Don Blum, Shopper's Plus Print Services
Dick Spiegel, SOS Fuels
Greg Duffy, Sterling Portfolio Management
Betty Anne Eberling, Take A Break
Bob Thompson, Tuxedo Park Preferred Properties
Sue Heywood, Tuxedo Performing Arts
Stephanie Cole, Tuxedo Ridge
Andrew Berish, Tuxedo Silver Dollars

Others Present: Jim and Betty McWhorter, St Mary's-in-Tuxedo

Call to Order:

Dale Mottola, President, called the regular monthly meeting of the Tuxedo Chamber of Commerce to order at 5:37PM on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 in the Community Room of Tuxedo Town Hall

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and approved by a unanimous vote.

Continuation of Discussion on 2008 Chamber Activities:

Dale noted that at the Board of Directors meeting it was suggested that the schedule for general Chamber meetings be modified to every other month. Greg Duffy remarked that since there are members committed for the Spotlight on Business segment for nearly every month, it did not seem possible to skip meetings.

Spotlight on Business: Dale stated that some of the Chamber's 2008 meetings will be hosted by Tuxedo Ridge, Elant @ Tuxedo Place, Tuxedo Union Free School District, and Sterling Forest State Park. Allstate of Nanuet will be the spotlighted business in March.

Tuxedo Clean Sweep: Betty Anne presented to the Chamber that the Southeast Regional Chamber Council of the Orange County Chamber of Commerce is in the process of organizing their annual Clean Sweep for April 19th. Betty Anne suggested that we coordinate our efforts with the Southeast Regional Council so that we could share in

promotion and business support. If you are interested in helping with the clean sweep project, please contact Betty Anne Eberling.

Utility Pole Banner Program: Dale told the Chamber that since Greg Stevens was not present, that she did not know the amount of proceeds from the 2007 banner program. The only costs that would incur for this 2008 would be for the new name plates unless we have a greater number of sponsors, and are able to add more than the 12 banners that were displayed in 2007.

Golf Outing: The board was all in favor of the 3rd Annual golf outing. Jerry mentioned that the two possible dates would be either September 4th or September 10th. Dale remarked that she received feedback regarding the vagueness of the beneficiary for last year's outing. She stated that it would be important to designate in advance the beneficiary so that it would make it to the printer's in time for the outing's brochure. Since the dissolution of the 911 fund, Dale stated that the Chamber needs to think about those organizations that might benefit. Greg Duffy suggested that some funds be allocated to an internship program for local businesses.

Family Fun Day: Dale asked the members if the Chamber should continue with Family Fun Day. It was voted YES to continue as a sponsor for 2008.

Community Guide/Member Directory: Greg Duffy asked about the status of the Member Directory. Dale replied that she was lacking time to complete the directory. The Chamber was all in favor of allocating \$1000.00 to have the brochure completed by a professional.

Planters and Benches: Dale asked the members if the Chamber should spend the remaining amount raised by the 2007 golf outing (\$3600) on however many planters that would cover, and then add to it as we go, or should the Chamber wait until we receive more money from this year's golf outing to help support the project. Dale showed the members a copy of the planters that were previously agreed upon by the ARB. It was suggested that a plan for placement of planters and/or benches be developed prior to approaching the town.

Community Garage Sale: Dale stated that the parking lot at Duck Cedar Plaza may be a possible location for this type of event.

Other: Betty Anne Eberling indicated that she is organizing another Kids' Health and Safety Expo for May or June. Dale has made a community calendar for the tuxedo chamber website. If you would be interested in adding any events to the calendar to contact Dale at dale@tuxedochamber.org.

Tuxedo Business News:

Dale mentioned that Mr. Latini would be going back before the zoning board because he is taking the daycare out of the plan and requires an amendment to his variance.

Sue from the Tuxedo Performing Arts Group has noted that the 2008 schedule is in place. Sue passed out a flyer of the upcoming 2008 concert series. You can visit them online at www.tuxedoperformingarts.org or by calling 845-351-3473 for the latest information.

Dale told the Chamber that McMullen's was sold and is now going to be the Taverna Tuxedo and is scheduled to open at the beginning of February.

Adjournment: 6:52PM