

TUXEDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

July 1, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Angelheart Antiques, Noel Jablonski
Applied Systems Group, Dale Mottola
Friends of Tuxedo Park Library, Lonna Panatelli
G.P. Carpentry, Gary Phelps
Gregory G. Stevens, Inc., Bill Sweet
Hometown Food Market, Neil & Neelam Patel
Jerico/U.S.P.S., Jerry Mottola
Keeper Stores, Natalie Pearson
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Rev. Betty McWhorter
Taverna Tuxedo, Jennifer Hartley
Tuxedo Park Library, Bob Ortman
Tuxedo Park Preferred Properties, Robert Thompson
Tuxedo Performing Arts Group, Sue Heywood

CALL TO ORDER: Dale Mottola, President, called the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to order at 5:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the May 6, 2009 and June 3, 2009 meetings were reviewed and approved by a unanimous vote.

SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS: HOMETOWN FOOD MARKET

- Introduction to Neil and Neelam Patel
- Store renovation and improvements were pointed out
- New Deli and future plans on expanding
- Available foods were explained
- Quality meat products to be sold
- Has breakfast menu, egg sandwiches, etc. to go with coffee
- Discussed ways on exterior to let people know store is New & Improved

MEMBERSHIP & FINANCIAL UPDATE:

- 71 Members / 60 Paid
- \$17,000+ in Bank Account
- No major outstanding bills

Chamber Staffing:

Hire part-time assistant to Dale

- Work on Directory
- Phone followups
- Letter responses
- High School student?
- Possible 3 month trial
- E-mail to membership for possible candidate suggestions

Directory:

- Need content
- Don Blum to broker printing
- Pay single project amount (\$500?) for Directory - not hourly – would better ensure that project completed – pay upon completion
- 1099 – not an employee

Part time payment amount flexible

GOLF OUTING UPDATE:

- 4TH Annual Golf Outing Sept. 10th.
- 8 Golfers signed
- Hand out w/logo sample shown – tee/ball etc. holder
- Same “wager” holes plus trick shot golfer
- Diamond earrings donated for auction

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

- August @ *TAKE A BREAK*
- Sept. @ *AMD MARKETING*
- Oct. *NO MEETING*

- Nov. @ *JASMINE*
- Dec. *HOLIDAY MIXER @ TAVERNA*
- Jan. *GREG STEVENS INC. (Possibly)*

- OPEN TRUSTEE SEATS, Jennifer Hartley, Gary Phelps, Betty Anne Eberling
 - 2 Yr. Terms
 - Nominations at Sept. meeting

SIGN LAW UPDATE:

- Town Legal Council finishing input
- Hopefully Law by Sept.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- St. Elizabeth Fund Raiser.....July 25th. (10-4:00)
- Pops In The Park.....July 26th. (5:00 p.m.)
- Musica At The Mountain....July 26th. (5:00p.m.)
- St. Mary's Hike to Claudius Smith Cave...July 25th. 10:00a.m. at St. Mary's Parking lot
- Mary Jane Clark Book Signing at Library Aug. 8th.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Chamber has a Heart Fund Drive monies to be donated as cash – instead of printing brochures

Several excellent samples of food from India were served during this meeting.

Official Ribbon cutting ceremony for Hometown Food Market Grand Opening.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:04 p.m.