

**TUXEDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
May 23, 2007**

MINUTES

Members Present: Noel Jablonski, Angelheart Antiques
Dale Mottola, Applied Systems Group
Gary Phelps, Gary Phelps Carpentry
Greg Stevens, Gregory G. Stevens Inc.
Jerry Mottola, Jerico/ U.S.P.S
Bill McMullen, McMullen's Tavern
Natalie Pearson, Keeper Stores
Paul Mahoney, Outback Choppers
Don Blum, Shopper's Plus Print Services
Andy Armentani, Sons of Italy HH Cabrini Lodge
Dick Spiegel, SOS Fuels
Jim Gell, Sterling Forest State Park
Andrew Berish, Tuxedo Silver Dollars
Bob Thompson, Tuxedo Park Preferred Properties
Jim Burger, Tuxedo Park Schools
Diane Petrosky, Tuxedo Union Free School District
Mike Donovan, Tuxedo Wine and Liquor

Others Present: Joan Birish, Tuxedo Silver Dollars
Donna Clark, Keeper Stores
Regina Mahoney, Outback Choppers
Charles Petrosky
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Call to Order: Dale Mottola, President, called the regular monthly meeting of the Tuxedo Chamber of Commerce to order at 6:01PM on Wednesday, May 23rd, 2007 at McMullen's Tavern.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and approved by a unanimous vote.

Membership Update: Andy Armentani from the Sons of Italy, which recently joined the Chamber, was present and spoke to the Chamber about the organization. They have 115 members and conduct various fund raisers. They also plan bus trips to area attractions (such as Atlantic City and local wineries). The criteria for becoming a member is you either need to be Italian or be married to an Italian.

Dale reported that there are 48 paid members and 18 members that have not yet renewed their memberships for 2007.

2nd Annual Golf Outing: Jerry Mottola presented the final version of the brochure to the Chamber.

The golf outing is scheduled to take place on Thursday, September 6th. The cost will be \$199 per player. If you are interested in being a sponsor for the Golf Outing the form is online at www.tuxedochamber.org or you can pick up the form at various local businesses.

2007 Membership Directory/Community Guide: Dale stated that the guide is not yet 100% complete. Her goal was to have it finished by Memorial Day. The new goal is to have it completed by the end of June. In the guide, besides the listing of Chamber businesses, there is a calendar of events, list of predominant people from Tuxedo and a list of community organizations. The guide will be available at no charge at various business locations around Tuxedo. It will also mailed by request.

Business News: The Chamber will have an article in the 2nd Edition of the Tuxedo Park Business Portfolio and was just sent out on May 22nd. The Chamber was asked to contribute an article monthly. Extra copies are available at Bentley's for \$1.00.

Dale stated that Tuxedo Reserve presented plans to the Town Board for the Northern tract which is residential and is currently in the beginning phases.

Other Business: Diane Petrosky from the Tuxedo Union Free School District alerted Chamber Members that the budget failed by 27 votes. The School lost a large amount of revenue. There will be a meeting of the school board on the 31st of May to decide what action should be taken. The vote is on June 19th statewide. Tuxedo has a tentative agreement with the Greenwood Lake School District for one year. Voters in the Warwick School District will decide whether they will accept Greenwood Lake students going forward, and will be a major determinant in the future of the Tuxedo School District.

Dale stated that the utility pole banners will be up in the 2nd half of June and that there will be new brackets made similar to the ones in Pine Island. Dale also mentioned that any banner with the Farmers' Market design will not be replaced and that it would be the responsibility of either the Farmers' Market or the Town to underwrite the cost to replace them. There were no objections to using the American flags that were previously donated to the Town by the Chamber for display along Route 17.

Adjournment: 7:05PM