

MABA General Meeting Minutes, January 2008

Fifty-three people attended the MABA January breakfast at the Conestoga Christian School in Morgantown. The pledge of allegiance was recited and the meeting opened at 7:45 A.M. Introductions were given by each member.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORTS

Bob Gebhardt moved that we approve the Secretary's report for December. Joe Thomas seconded. Roseann Thomas made a motion to approve both the November and December Treasurer's Reports. Andrea Berstler seconded.

NEW MEMBERS

Five new members were welcomed at the January meeting.

- A to Z Handi-Man Services
- Conestoga Christian School
- Dymond Quality Builders
- Jerry's Pizza Pie
- JZ Enterprises

2008 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Lois Ann Mast reported that members have until February 1 to pay their dues and sign up for a directory business card ad. Dues are \$50 and an ad is \$80. We will mail out postcards to remind those who have not renewed yet. If you do not renew by February 1, you will not be included in the directory. Andy Kent reported that the maps are ready and will be delivered to a central location today or tomorrow. An email will be sent to say where they can be picked up.

EXPO COMMITTEE

Greg Knies noted that the membership will be surveyed via email and hardcopy for feedback on the Expo. Even if a member has not been involved in the Expo, they are encouraged to participate so the Expo Committee can direct their focused efforts for members.

GOLF OUTING COMMITTEE

Bob Gebhardt reported that they will have a meeting for the Golf Outing this Friday morning. Anyone is welcome to attend and brainstorm at Claire's at 7:30 A.M.

MEMBER COMMERCIALS

Two five-minute commercials were given.

The first by John Lubas from ServPro, a national fire, water, and smoke cleanup and restoration company providing emergency services. ServPro is also a professional cleaning company for

residential, hospitals, and schools. A mold-sniffing dog is a unique service they provide that can be especially helpful in real estate concerns.

The second five-minute commercial was by Ron Grant from IPS Laser Express. IPS has offices located in both Pottstown and Allentown. They sell refurbished copiers and laser printers, supplies and service. Right now they are offering a free cartridge to new customers who want to sample their products for copiers and lasers.

SPEAKER – MARY LOUISE EVERHART

Mary Louise Everhart, Director of Development at Conestoga Christian School gave a presentation on CCS and Educational Improvement Tax Credit tax breaks. Conestoga Christian School is a parent-run school with over 270 students grades K-12. They can receive EITC contributions to help students and families with tuition assistance. EITC is a state program that awards tax credits to businesses that make contributions to benefit educational institutions. Eight million dollars is still available to be awarded by June 30, 2008. Businesses are awarded tax credit of 75% of contribution if the agreement is for 1 year, 90% if the agreement is for two years. Tax credits are applied for the tax year in which the contribution was made. Please contact tknorr@state.pa.us with any questions, or visit www.NewPA.com.

CLOSING

Peggy Kandle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 A.M. Ron Grant seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Mast
MABA Secretary, 2008