

MABA General Meeting Minutes, March 2008

Gwen Werner called the meeting to order and led the members in the pledge. Introductions were given by each member.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORTS

Bob Gebhardt moved to approve the Secretary's Report for February, Glen Werner seconded. Jim Steffy moved to approve the treasurer's report for February, Ted Karwat seconded.

NEW MEMBERS

New members welcomed in March:

- Architectural Concepts
- Clark's Grocery Getters Delivery Service
- D's Screen Printing
- Goin' Postal
- HealthSouth Reading Rehabilitation Hospital
- John R. Denick, II, PCH
- M.A.L. Custom Carpentry
- Party Package Rentals, Inc.
- Reading Hospital Medical Group, The
- Robb's Notary
- Sto N Go Mobile Storage
- Twin Valley Podiatry
- Webservices 4All, LLC
- Berks Visiting Nurse Association
- Coldwell Banker Landis Homesale Services - David Hinkel
- Furr-Purrfect Pet Salon
- Golden Mortgage Inc.
- Horning Farm Agency
- Latshaw's Junk Removal
- Mass Mutual Financial Group
- Patient Care Advocates
- RH Taylor Electrical Services
- Scottie's Handyman Services
- Tomsven, Inc.
- Village Office Supply
- Wells Fargo Home Mortgage

DIRECTORY

Lois Ann Masthof reported that the MABA Directories had been mailed. They are already collecting ideas for next year.

WEBSITE

Scott Graham asked that new members take a look at the website and submit a short, informational paragraph about their business.

EXPO COMMITTEE

Greg Knies reported that the MABA Business to Business Mixer will be May 7, 2008 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Holiday Inn. Every member is welcome to attend; there are two tiers for those interested in sponsorships. Everyone is asked to register, so the committee has a count of the number of guests to expect. Attendees do not need to stay for the entire time. The registration form can be found on the website.

MAPS

Roseann Thomas reported that they have found errors on the maps. If you find an error, please copy that section of the map, highlight the error and see that Roseann receives that copy.

GOLF OUTING COMMITTEE

Bob Gebhardt reported that registrations are open for members to sign up for the Annual Golf Outing. The Golf Outing will be held on June 25 with a 12:30 tee off time. The outing is a shotgun start with a scramble format. Registrations are available for foursomes, hole sponsors, packages for foursomes with hole sponsors and a “dinner only” for non-golfers. The registration form is on the MABA website. Registrations will be opened to non-members after the May MABA meeting.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME PACKAGES

Donations are needed for the MABA welcome bags. The committee requests that you provide 40 items to place in the bags for new businesses. Items can be given to Roseann Thomas, Gwen Werner or Debbie Kingsbury.

MEMBER COMMERCIALS

One five minute commercial was given by Dave Meyers for Churchtown Electric. He does mostly residential work and has been in the business for 18 years. He shared some facts on saving electricity and on the different aspects of his work including running wires for renovations and additions, upgrading outlets and switches, fishing wires through walls (electrical, phone, data cables) and installation of electrical appliances.

The second commercial presenter was not present; instead Peggy Ritchie spoke briefly on Relay for Life activities including the Last Dance at the Morgantown Fire Hall and the relay for life events.

UPCOMING MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the Twin Valley Elementary Center with the Village Library presenting. Gwen reminded members to sign up for a commercial.

SPEAKER – CAROL MEEKER

Carol Meeker presented on Miller-Keystone Blood Center. They manage over 280 accounts. Her presentation shared that there are 300 million people in the US, 155 million who can give blood and 7 million that do. The number reason that people do not donate blood is that no one asks them. Everyday 470 are used to transport 300 units of blood. The age group that uses the most blood is premature infants. She asked each member to donate blood and to consider hosting a blood drive.

CLOSING

Joe Thomas motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Bob Gebhardt seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Berstler
Acting Secretary