

**GREATER BERLIN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOC.
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, June 13th, 2019 – 7:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – by Betty Velie at 7:11 pm.

ATTENDEES: Please state full name and business when making a motion. Introduction was made for new attendees

ACTIVE MEMBERS: Betty Velie, Loretta Mikulski, Joe Hoffmann, Greg Gardner, Jean Terilla, Corky Boccella, Denise Boccella, Concetta Sherlock, Cherie Faltenbacher, Johnnye Ervin, Lisa Green

Other Attendees: Linda Young, Deb Reggio, Tina Hoffmann

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve May meeting minutes: Loretta Mikulski. **Seconded by** Greg Gardner

All in favor or opposed: **Ayes** have it, no one opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe Hoffmann reported a balance of \$ 5,531.68

Motion to approve Treasurer Report in the amount of \$ 5,531.68 made by: Betty Velie. **Seconded by** Johnnye Ervin

All in favor or opposed: **Ayes** have it, no one opposed.

Committee Report:

a. Membership:

1. New membership interest – Jean Terilla went to the new Linda's Vintage Treasure shop (previously Maggie's Bakery) to explain the GBBPA to her. Linda is here this evening and is very interested in joining our organization. Her check and application will be sent to executive officers per our by-laws for a motion to be made at our July meeting.
2. Bunny Lyons informed Betty of the new daycare, Creative Minds Academy, moving into Twin Plaza. Betty spoke to owners and sent them an application. She will follow up with them in the next week or two.
3. Betty spoke to the flooring company, **Mary Beth Innarella**, she said she will contact me once they are ready. An application had been sent previously.
4. An update was made to The Lady Creates, owner Rhonda Fortune. Rhonda contacted us via email to let us know that her email and link to her business had changed. All changes were made in our spreadsheet, mailing list and on the website member directory.
5. Renewal received – One.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **GBBPA promotional material ordered** - Johnnye Ervin has ordered promo bag to be given to new members. If you have promotional materials, please drop them off so they can be included.
- b. **Meet and Greet** – 31 attendees were at the Meet n Greet. Several members who typically are unable to make the meetings, were able to attend and had the opportunity to network with our group. Betty and Jean put 40+ promo bags together, however, very few businesses submitted items. Bunnycakes included a \$5.00 off coupon which was well received.
The GBBPA did not make any money on this event. It was agreed by the committee that all future events, as in the past, a set amount should be negotiated with the business hosting for food. The balance of any funds would then go to the GBBPA.
- c. **Float for 4th of July** – New float registration form and instructions were delivered to Betty today. It will need to be completed to include insurance and driver license information. Once completed, Betty will send to Bill Adair. The ad and check were given to Vic Costantino.

Betty asked for additional volunteers for the following: preparing float, to hand out flyers and candy during parade. A date will be emailed to the volunteers to meet by Betty in the next week. A discussion regarding where to purchase decorations and candy took place. Oriental Trading, Bee Gee's Candy store and WalMarts were recommended. Betty will price and order accordingly.

- d. **Albertino's Ribbon Cutting** was very nice. The Galelli family gave out samples of pasta and Caesar salad to all attendees. Thank you to all that attended to show this new business support.
- e. The two **BCS students** who each received \$100 were: Arsh Jafri and Sravan Kuntamukkula. Betty attended the ceremony and was pleased that both were volunteers for Fall Fest 2018.
- f. Fall Fest – initially Betty was going to report that we did not have a stage. Fortunately, Corky and Jean found out where it went and Bill Behnke was able to secure the stage. We are borrowing from Winslow Township...Bill Behnke is coordinating with our DPW and Mayor Wright and their DPW for delivery.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Fall Fest information/registration, etc. is needed to be completed. Betty and Kevin will concentrate on this after finalizing 4th of July.

Open to Floor –

- a. **South Jersey Breast Cancer Coalition and 3 Dimensional Physical Therapy** will be hosting a Women's Health and Wellness Workshop. Approval to post on website was given. Flyers were handed out to anyone to place in their businesses.
- b. Greg Gardner mentioned that BB&T will be merging with Sun Trust.
- c. Lisa Frattali sent an email asking that we notify the group that she will be unable to attend any meetings in the future due to personal family commitments. Her husband will continue to attend any events when he is in town representing their business of LegalShield, IDShield. Lisa wanted to express how she misses everyone and she will be publishing a book and doing a podcast: ME, MONEY AND MOLD. We wish her well.

Motion to adjourn was made by Loretta Mikulski. **Seconded** by Gregg Gardner.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Next GBBPA meeting date: July 11th , 2019.

Respectfully submitted by,
Betty Velie
President GBBPA