## WHEATFIELD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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## P.O. BOX 4085 Niagara Falls, New York 14304

President-- Sharon DiPasquale Vice President-- Jim Candella Treasurer-- Rob Allen Secretary-- Danny Maerten Board Member 2 yr- Gilles Dube 1 yr- Bill O'Farrell

Membership—M J Brzeczkowski

## Meeting Called to Order: by President Sharon DiPasquale

February 20, 2012 @ 8:11 pm in the Niagara's Choice FCU on Sawyer Dr.

Moment of silence was observed in memory of WBA member Hank Scibisz

In Attendance: Jim Candella, Rob Allen, Sharon DiPasquale,

Bill O'Farrell, Sam Conti, Doreen Stumpo, Neal Klettke,

Gilles Dube, Danny Maerten, Wayne Stoelting

Guest: Honorable Wheatfield Justice Erin DeLabio

Officers and Board Swore In: The honorable Erin DeLabio, Wheatfield Town Justice, did the WBA the honor of swearing into 2012 office: Sharon DiPasquale as president, Jim Candella as vice-president, Rob Allen as treasurer, Danny Maerten as secretary and board members Gillis Dube and Bill O'Farrell. MJ Brzeczkowski, 2012 membership chairperson was not able to be in attendance

<u>Approval/Changes to Minutes:</u> minutes not available for December meeting, Christmas/Holiday dinner & election at which Bedore Tours was elected Business of the Year and Gillis Dube Business Person of the Year

## <u>Treasurer's Report:</u> by Rob Allen

Checking: \$4,349.88 savings: \$2,180.55 Motion to accept by Danny Maerten, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Candella Jim, carried

Old Business: discussing ways and means of retaining and recruiting WBA members such as personally, face to face asking perspective businesses to attend a meeting/social as a guest with no pressure to

join. Try to secure guest speakers of interest. Rob Allen updated the membership packet

- -Meat Raffle, November 3<sup>rd</sup> is the date of the scholarship benefit at St. Johnsburg Fire Hall. Will look for pricing of meat from various vendors,
- Danny Maerten will try to meet with Don Dee to update the WBA website
- The secretary will initiate a one page newsletter that will be mailed each month in place of the postcard, listing members, highlighting new members, upcoming events and other news relating o the WBA or local business

<u>New Business:</u> Accepted Parenti Accounting Group Inc. as a new WBA member, secretary will send welcome letter and decal

- -- Place to hold monthly meetings, possibly at a members' restaurant, Niagara's Choice FCU location on Niagara Falls Blvd. With food catered by a member of the WBA.
- -Donated \$20.00 to the Five Senses Park, Wheatfield Lions, in honor of Hank Scibisz

motioned by Danny Maerten, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob Allen, carried

- -Scholarship Committee, MJ Brzeczkowski, Sharon DiPasquale, Rob Allen and Danny Maerten to meet at next WBA meeting or shortly thereafter.
- Receive a quote for WBA insurance from Stalka Group, Jeremy Higgins. Rob and Jim will contact their insurance carriers for comparison

Next meeting: Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm,
Board meets @ 6:30, social @ 7:30
Location Niagara's Choice FCU located at
3375 Niagara Falls Blvd.

Meeting adjourned: at 8:38 pm, motioned by Danny Maerten, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill O'Farrell, carried

Respectfully submitted by Danny Maerten