



Uniondale Chamber of Commerce

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Meeting Minutes Uniondale Chamber of Commerce

Date: March 1, 2011

Time: 6PM

Place: TD Bank 1600 Hempstead Turnpike

Present: Mike Dragonetti, Virginia Ginger-Schultz, Emerson Mott, Pearlina Everett, Wayne Galante, Kathy Galante, Linette Mott, Lilian Rodriguez, Curt Skeete, Nancy Skeete, Robert Bullock and Sharon Hamlin

New Members: None

President:

Wayne started the meeting with introductions and began sharing the partnership with the Uniondale school district and encouraged all business owners to get involved with the Uniondale Schools. He also shared how to place jobs for the disabled.

Wayne shared the amount of funds held in the bank for the Chamber.

Members:

Emerson- Reviewed all members who paid for 2011

Pearline Everett- Sits on the advisory board for the Uniondale School and shared the mission is to bridge the gap between the schools and businesses.

Sharon- Shared TD bank how TD has presented financial literacy for several school districts and plans to introduce the program to the Uniondale school district.

Sharon- discussed holding workshops for Chamber members who are business owners. The workshops would consist of topics such as, Lending, SBA, Merchant Services, Creating your website and many more topics.

Nancy- Discussed having a vendor day. All agreed, the Chamber needs to begin getting noticeable. Nancy began sharing the history of the Chamber .

Sharon - asked all members to share what they would like to see from the Chamber.

Mike shared he would be willing to assist all members with their website and would like to take part in the workshops,.

Lilian Rodriguez from Allstate shared how other organizations network and have activities for members.

Linette Mott would like to see the Chamber offer incentives to business owners and have vendor fairs which was mentioned by Nancy. She also, stated accommodating the needs of all members such as, holding morning meetings and evening meetings. She suggested to set goals to focus on growing membership, which was stated by the Wayne, President when he first took the position. Emerson would like to see the Chamber expand have more exposure.

Robert Bullock suggested having a binder with all members business cards inside to allow all members to be visible and to allow members to contact other businesses for partnership. Robert also, discussed having a recognition night for members.

Robert shared all members should be made aware of the benefits and the value of having their name listed on the Chambers website. This can increase membership for the Chamber

Robert has volunteered on behalf of the Uniondale chamber to attend the Nassau County Chamber of Commerce which is held the third Thursday of every month.

The following has been tabled,
Bylaws
Use of Debit Cards
Membership Applications in Spanish

The following will be provided in a separate email.
Workshops : Date and Time TBD
Recognition Night: Date and Time TBD

***Please bring 10 business cards to the next meeting and bring a friend.**

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30pm