

EBBE group

Expand Business Beyond Expectations

Meeting Minutes- May 7, 2009

- Meeting started: 7:15 am
- Members in attendance: 11
[Andrew, Bramucci, Corigliano, Forrest, Gilligan, Hirsch, Krainson, Lincoln, Moran, Ramsey, Saffer]
- Guests: none
- Introductions: none
- Speaker: no speaker, round table discussion
- Referrals: 5
- Testimonials: 2

Agenda

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 am by Bill Gilligan.
2. 60 second round table commercials- none this week → round table discussion
3. Bill Gilligan initiated the round table discussion on “EBBE group projects”. This was a continuing discussion from an earlier meeting.
4. Potential projects included:
 - **Wilbraham Senior Center.** Wayne Ramsey has made an initial contact with this group and Bill Gilligan will followup.
 - **Loaves and Fishes/** downtown Springfield. Meals are served everyday at First Church Cathedral (Dick Forrest is a member of this church). We could volunteer to help serve meals.
 - **East Longmeadow Senior Center-** Flynt Lincoln will inquire about possible opportunities.
 - **Brightside-** Bill Gilligan shared his experience with this organization wherein he helped prepare a garden which was tended by the children who reside there. Bill no longer has a connection with Brightside but will followup to see if there are possible opportunities for us.
 - Another group member shared experience wherein a school garden was “trashed” by neighborhood kids within a few weeks after it was started.
5. A suggestion was offered for the group to set up and run a vegetable garden. The fresh vegetables could be donated to local needy kitchens such as Loaves and Fishes. A couple of group members indicated that they may be able to donate part of their backyard for this type of project.
6. A flower garden for a local nursing home was also suggested as a possible project.
7. Bill Gilligan felt that we should make sure that with an senior project that we undertake that this are no family members who could provide the assistance. We are looking for truly needy people to offer our help. Projects could include simple landscaping, yard cleanup, painting, etc.
8. It was agreed that the EBBE group would contribute some \$\$ for supplies (seeds, tools, etc) as well as providing lunch for participants. In addition there was some limited discussion about getting some EBBE t-shirts or hats for the project.

9. Most group members in attendance showed interest in participating in an EBBE project.
10. We would plan to get some publicity for the EBBE group by sending a press release + photo(s) to the Reminder, Springfield Newspaper, etc.
11. There were five referrals and two testimonials at this meeting.
12. Upcoming events
 - Tuesday, May 12- Lunch at J' Quincy's (located at the Basketball Hall of Fame)
 - Tuesday, May 19- "After 5" at J.Quincy's
 - Wednesday, May 20- "After 5"- Springfield Chamber of Commerce at Log Cabin
 - Thursday, May 28- Guest Speaker- Oscar Ramos speaking on "Quick Books" for business
13. Next EBBE meeting is May 14 at 7:15 am. The scheduled speaker is Tim Andrew.

Submitted by Jim Moran, 5/10/09