

EBBE group

Expand Business Beyond Expectations

Meeting Minutes- May 21, 2009

- Meeting started: 7:15 am
- Members in attendance: 8
[Bill Gilligan, Tim Andrew, Herb Johnson, Sydney Hirsch, Larry Krainson, Norn Corigliano, Dick Forrest, Ernie Bramucci]
- Guests: Tim Page, Charter Business
- Speaker: Sydney Hirsch

Agenda

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 am by Bill Gilligan.
2. Herb Johnson addressed the group and expressed his appreciation for 9 years of mutual benefit but resigned his membership in the group for conflicts stemming from health considerations.
3. It was also revealed that Jennifer Synder had resigned her seat with the group. Her office has moved to Amherst and the travel became untenable. She expressed her gratification for her time as a member.
4. One minute info spots were presented by all attending members.
5. Sydney Hirsh presented to the group on planning real estate sales in advance by as much as 6 mos. or more. Items covered including the sometimes need for 'staging', being aware of and listing within market pricing, and the effects health considerations play, i.e. improved quality of life if making a lifestyle change BEFORE it is necessary. Also discussed were the federal incentive tax credit of \$8000 for first time home buyers (or 3 years removed) as well as a matching \$5000 from the city of Springfield.
6. Discussion was had for the need of encouraging a large turnout for our meeting on 5/28, when Mr Oscar Ramos will discuss quickbooks as a software accounting option. Tim Andrew volunteered to contact all members that were not in attendance on 5/21 towards furthering that goal.
7. The group was reminded about a to-be-announced round table discussion of our by laws and recommended changes. Continued support for the after 5's was made, with Tim being devil's advocate, suggesting we perhaps are having too many social occasions. This was virtually unanimously rejected and the current slate of events to continue. Consideration will be given to a later start time in exchange for attendance commitments.
8. Next EBBE meeting is May 28 at 7:15 am. Guest Speaker- Oscar Ramos speaking on "Quick Books" for business

Submitted by Tim Andrew, 5/21/09