

EBBE group

Expand Business Beyond Expectations

Meeting Minutes- May 28, 2009

- Meeting started: 7:15 am
- Members in attendance: 13
[Tim Andrew, Ernie Bramucci, Norm Corigliano, Dick Forrest, Bill Gilligan, Sydney Hirsch, Larry Krainson, Flynt Lincoln, Jim Moran, Wayne Ramsey, Mary Ripley, Sandy Saffer, Joe Zawrotny]
- Guest Speaker: Oscar Ramos, Ramos Accounting & Tax Services, Inc.

Agenda

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 am by Bill Gilligan.
2. Because there was a guest speaker, there were only short introductions by each group member at this meeting.
3. Oscar Ramos of Ramos Accounting & Tax Services provided the group with an overview of QuickBooks software and its value to small business owners in managing their businesses. Because he was limited to 20-30 minutes, his presentation was pretty high level but when he was finished most members could understand the value. He provided the group with some reference handouts as well.

Oscar offered group members a free one hour consultation to discuss opportunities for use of QuickBooks in their business.

Tim Andrew (long time user of QuickBooks) and Bill Gilligan (short time user) provided good testimonials for the software (Tim) and Oscar's expertise (Bill).

4. Next week's meeting will include a discussion of the group's bylaws. Each member was asked to review the existing bylaws and come prepared to discuss possible changes. Tim will email group members a copy of the bylaws.
5. Bill Gilligan presented the group with an update on the group project at Brightside. The project will include planting a variety of vegetables and flowers in raised beds which they will have already built before we get there. They may also have a "Fun" garden in another area where they just plant some pumpkin seeds etc that will need less attention. We will be treating the kids to a pizza party after the planting. There are 4 volunteers who have agreed to participate. Contact Bill if you are interested in participating.
6. The following 10 minute business presentations are scheduled:
 - June 4- Ernie Bramucci
 - June 11- Dick Forrest
 - June 18- Norm Corigliano, field trip to Bill Gilligan's house
 - June 25- Bill Gilligan
7. Referrals- 5
Testimonials- 6

Submitted by Jim Moran, 5/28/09