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| Minutes | | | | | |
| **DATE 3/28/17** | | | **7:00pm** | | **Union Library of Hatboro** |
| **Meeting called by** | Melinda Goodwin, President | | | | |
| **Type of meeting** | General Membership Meeting | | | | |
| **Note taker** | Diana Lineback | | | | |
| **Attendees** | Melinda Goodwin, Bruce and Virginia Hart, Bill Godshall, Rob Laufer, Robin Laufer, Diana Lineback, Pam Waldo, Nicole Benjamin Shive, Verileah Teets, Alan Fox, Basil Vansuch, Leslie Jones, Christina Giovinazzo, Dani Harting, Chuck Harting, Ted Mueller, Donna Mueller, Marianne Shaeffer, Colleen Seeds, Patti Vaughn, Sally Rio, | | | | |
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| **Call Meeting to Order** | | | | Melinda Goodwin | |
| **Adoption of the Agenda** | | | | Melinda Goodwin | |
| **Approval of the Minutes** | | | | Melinda Goodwin | |
| **Treasurer’s Report** | | | | Bill Godshall | |
| The current balance is $2,304.26. | | | | | |
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| **TOPIC: Introductions** | | | | Name Melinda | |
| Since there were new faces at this meeting, everyone introduced themselves and their interest in attending the meeting. | | | | | |
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| **TOPIC: Merchant Discount Program and Hatboro Gems** | | | | Name Melinda | |
| The Merchant Discount Program was explained and the most updated discount list was available at the meeting. Cards were sold to those who wanted to purchase at the meeting. We are working on having available to purchase at Nourishing Storm, Kleo’s Baklava Café and Los Tacos Locos. We are looking to partner with Play N Learn and Pennypack Elementary to sell the cards as a fundraiser. We will be posting videos taken at the businesses on Facebook to promote them throughout the year. | | | | | |
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| **TOPIC Hatboro Comprehensive Plan** | | | | Name Leslie | |
| The borough is creating a new comprehensive plan over the next two years. The comprehensive plan is like a blueprint for Hatboro, including the revitalization of the town, amongst other things. They are requesting volunteers to be on the comprehensive plan committee. If you are interested you can email [DianeHegele@hatborogov.org](mailto:DianeHegele@hatborogov.org). It was suggested that you read the previous plan to understand the scope of the project. | | | | | |
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| **TOPIC Partnering with Main Street Hatboro** | | | | Name Leslie | |
| Leslie spoke with Steve Barth of Main Street Hatboro and provided him a survey that the HRA had done for him years ago. Steve said that one thing that helps a revitalize a town is good buzz, i.e. we have a great new restaurant in town, and that this talk over social media really does have an impact on people’s perception and helps move our town in the right direction.  Marianne has an Instagram titled Hatboro Highlights to share great things about our town. Robin complimented the professional looking photographs on her page. | | | | | |
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| **TOPIC Borough/ Wawa Updates** | | | | Name Leslie | |
| Hatboro received a grant to rededicate the lanes at Byberry and Warminster Roads. However, Penndot doesn’t want to change the lanes. At the Borough meeting, residents expressed concerns about the parking near the train station. People who use the train are parking on the street rather than the train spots. Parking changes were suggested, such as 2 hour parking signs for daytime hours.  The Zoning Hearing Board meeting to discuss the Wawa proposal is on April 12th at 7pm at Borough Hall in the Borough Council Room. Leslie informed Borough Council that the room will not be big enough to accommodate all the residents that will be attending this meeting. If the meeting is changed to another location, they would need a new date and have to follow rules as far as the amount of days they notify the public prior to the meeting. They may hold the meeting with speakers for those who can’t fit in the room, or they may start the meeting and immediately adjourn to reschedule. There was a front page article in the intelligencer with this story - [**click here for the article**](http://www.theintell.com/news/local/hatboro-residents-expect-large-turnout-for-april-wawa-zoning-meeting/article_5eaf4810-1320-11e7-a671-4b54f8f74f0f.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=user-share)**.**  Christina said that if you search this topic, you will see that there are hazardous effects to anyone living within 1,000 feet of a gas station, and the Pennypack Elementary is also within that zone. A group of residents hired a legal team to assist with this issue, if anyone would like to contribute, here is the link [**gofundme.com/we-do-not-want-a-wawa-here**](http://link.email.dynect.net/link.php?DynEngagement=true&H=uq%2BBfAj52xW14oWUAmFFMOfDktVFyZWt68NHCoOqFcvmeg0mSkBgMFk%2FlScRiGmYy5%2BWP2Rmx45xX48NS82afARiqA%2BMU1tGJuxZXTFsHWcMUSfNTeBzmi3loDBKEju3&G=21&R=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gofundme.com%2Fwe-do-not-want-a-wawa-here%3Futm_source%3Dinternal%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_content%3Dcampaign_link_t%26utm_campaign%3Dwelcome&I=20170322200015.0000021f3436%40mail6-48-usnbn1&X=MHw3NzY2NjI6VEVNUElEXzQ5MDQ7MXw3NzY2NjM6UVVFVUVJRF84Mjg1NDU2Mzg7Mnw3NzY2NjQ6RE9NQUlOX2dtYWlsLmNvbTs%3D&S=8vm7EOcW2l3dzEN2lifDtWjfUMElJ1C0l0WdCf6omaQ) | | | | | |
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| **TOPIC Events Details** | | | | Name Melinda | |
| We are titling the events series Saturday Hatter Days. All the locations were finalized, which a change to the Earth Day event being held at Nourishing Storm. Flyers were given to Quigs and Amy’s to include with orders. Volunteers were requested for the Events Committee. | | | | | |
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| **TOPIC Community Garden** | | | | Name Melinda | |
| There was a community garden clean-up day on March 25th. This was a successful event with 14 adults and 10 kids attending. The Harts asked that they be notified of community gardening dates via phone if they are not announced at the previous meeting, since they are not on the computer. | | | | | |
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| **TOPIC Membership Committee** | | | | Name Bill | |
| We will have a table at the following events to get the word out about the HRA, solicit volunteers and sell our discount cards: Jarrett Nature Center April 22nd, Healthy Kids Day April 29th, and the Hatboro Carnival. Please contact us if you would be willing to man a table at one of these events as volunteers are needed. | | | | | |
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| **TOPIC Illustrated Map and Mobile App** | | | | Name Diana | |
| Diana advised that she reached out to the Montgomery County Community College to see if they would have students create and illustrated map and a mobile app. She did not receive a response regarding the illustrated map. For the mobile app they responded creating an app is very involved, but that they would email their alumni to see if anyone is interested. We did not get any interest. Diana received a quote from someone who does Illustrated Maps as a business, and it was 5k – 6k. We could potentially get advertisements around the map to pay for it, but Diana felt that we are also seeking sponsorship for our events from businesses and that would take precedence. We may revisit this idea at a later time. | | | | | |
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| **TOPIC Yard Sale and Movie Night** | | | | Name Diana | |
| We are looking for a volunteer to organize the Borough-wide Yard Sale. Robin previously ran this event and would share all the information to whoever takes over the event. Please let us know if you are interested.  Movie night is May 13th and suggestions were given for the movie. | | | | | |
| Meeting Adjourned | | | | | |
| **Meeting adjourned by** | | Melinda Goodwin | | | |