

Meeting Recap – July 21, 2011

Those members in attendance: Becky Taylor, David Hoffman, Natalie McArtor, Curt McArtor, Brooke Kimbrough, Brooke's assistant Wendy, Debra Chandler, Rick Steeby, Don Pettit, Mike Whitticar, Shelley Shellz, Sal Rotante, Austin Head.

Those absent: Jeff Brown and Donna Altepeter

Six visitors as follows:

Jacqueline Schweizer, Creative Concept Flooring, Commercial/Residential – carpet, hardwood, ceramic, area rugs, design services – all in your own home.

Lake Lester, Court Clothing, Wardrobe Solutions for Business, Tailored Clothing Since 1978 – in your own home service

Suzie Loungeway, In-Home Consultant, Calico Corners/Calico Home, fabrics, window treatments and furniture

Patti Childress – CitruSolution Carpet Cleaning Process

Roxanne Jenkins – Advanced Mobi Marketing

Doneen Hoffman – Mid-Atlantic Home Transitions if you know of anyone who is downsizing, relocating, needs an Estate sale, sell unwanted/unused items on ebay (take other items to donation location), even turning on utilities

Old Business:

We agreed to accept Brooke's generous offer of space in her parking lot for our booth (tent and tables) at Haymarket Day on September 17, 2011. Thank you Brooke! We will need members throughout the day to be at our tent/booth so please keep some portion of that day open. I will have a sign up sheet for blocks of time at a future meeting

New Business:

We agreed to order new group business cards with the following changes: change "Join us every Thursday" to "Join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays" and remove the telephone number from the card as our group website has each member's individual contact information.

Miscellaneous:

Debra Chandler announced that she is a part of National Network to End Domestic Violence and she is giving us advanced warning that she will be looking for volunteers for the weeklong event being held in February 2012 at the Gaylord. Hillary Clinton, among other notables, is supposed to be in attendance.

We discussed the possibility of having a group blog. Shelley indicated that a blog needs to be updated often so we decided to table this so that each member could evaluate how much time they could devote to contributing to a blog; to make sure that we have enough members contributing to the blog to make it worthwhile. Shelley will be able to link the blog to our group website.

Member Presentation by Mike Whitticar: We know now what an Intellectual Property Attorney does with his time! But in addition to Intellectual Property, we now know that Mike sets up limited liability companies; handles landlord/tenant disputes; and employment agreements. Mike educated us, with the help of visual aids, as to the difference between trademarks, patents and copyrights. Mike describes his law practice as a practice with big law firm experience at a small town price. Thanks Mike!

Next Meetings:

Our August meetings are on August 4th and August 18th. We need presenters for those meetings. Please contact me if you would like to present to educate us about yourself, your business or something interesting happening in your field.

Have a great week and remember to promote each other in a positive manner and look for opportunities to networking and invite guests to our group! Our group is what we make it! Happy Networking!!