

# DELTON AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

February 17, 2010

The meeting of the DABA was called to order by Trustee, Drew Chapple at 8:05 am in the Barry Township Hall meeting room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present were Drew Chapple, Sharon Keck, Wes Kahler, Bernie Kuiper, and Becky Kahler.

There was discussion concerning the Annual Meeting. We did not get a response back from Brian Calley's office, so have decided to ask someone else to be the guest speaker at the Annual meeting. Wes said he would ask Victor Pierce, Barry Township Chief of Police, and Bernie said he would ask Mike Spezia of Gilmore Car Museum. (Both were confirmed later the same day.) We will be sending out letters to announce the Annual Meeting along with the dues billing. Becky Kahler has said she will be making the breakfast meal for the meeting and most of us agreed to show up a little early to help set up tables and chairs.

Bernie mentioned that Gilmore Car Museum has started a school where high school kids are working to restore autos brought to the museum. Mike, or a Gilmore representative, may tell us more about this at the next meeting. Bernie also mentioned that attendance at the museum was up 30% this past year.

We discussed reasons as to why we aren't having good attendance at our monthly meetings. We discussed the possibility that guest speakers may bring our more members. The option of having an evening meeting once a quarter was voiced along with the possibility of having different businesses sponsor a meeting at their place of business as a way to showcase their business.

Drew told those in attendance about Business Forum that was held in Cindy Vujea's office at Delton Kellogg Schools to showcase their "Classroom of the Future". It had a fair turnout and good discussion as to some things that are happening within our school system. Some topics covered beside the "Classroom of the Future" were highlights in student accomplishments in test scores and sports, and district finances. Further meetings are planned to discuss finances in the school system.

Drew also mentioned that the minutes from the Barry County Commissioners meetings were mailed to him. The minutes stated that the Commissioners have discussed the need to have approval from the Health Department in order sell your property. The charge for their inspection ranges from \$150 to \$700. This used to be the concern of the buyer, not the seller.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am.

Submitted by Sharon Keck, Treasurer

Next meeting: March 17, 2010 8:00 am, Annual Meeting