

BASWA Meeting 8.9.06

Location: Lux Lounge 666 South Ave.

In attendance:

Chris Jones-Historic Houseparts

Jim Wolff-Historic Houseparts

Philip Duquette-Premier Pastry

John White-Equal Grounds/The Pride Connection

Maria Paratore-Key Bank

Joseph Compitello-Key Bank

Brian Pincelli- SWPC

Karrie Laughton-Lux Lounge

Mitch Dannenburg

Discussion Topics:

*New Years Eve fundraiser at The German House.

CJ met with E. Schram at The German House to discuss this year's fundraiser event. CJ reported that ES will charge a fee for use of space to include upstairs ballroom and downstairs bar area. Cost of employees to be added to rental fee also. ES indicated that a local Tango studio is also interested in the space for New Year's Eve. Further discussion to share and incorporate the Tango group into the fundraiser to be addressed during planning stages of the event.

Silent auction items will be solicited from local businesses including, but not limited to Tops, Geva and the RPO. MP offered gift basket items from her small business (Bella Creations).

Members discussed the idea of setting a minimum price on all items and the possibility of a Chinese Auction format and having local businesses solicit respective wholesale vendors for donation items. PD and JW to draft letters to solicit auction items from area businesses. PD and CJ to meet with Ed Schram to discuss donations from Keg Bar and Grill.

Additional funds to be raised with the sales of ad space in the event program. A 50% reduction in ad cost for BASWA members is under consideration.

*Karie informed group of new trend for police to be ticketing cars at expired parking meters during the day (before 6pm). She expressed concern for her patrons as well as other visitors to South Wedge area. General consensus of group was that meters are a nuisance and only add to parking difficulties on South Ave. Suggestion was made to get in touch with City Council to petition the removal of parking meters.