

Business Networking Board Meeting Minutes

Date January 16, 2009

Attendees

Triona Guidry Holly Monger Joel Nelson Doug Howard
Gordon Nishimoto Alan Winter

General Opening Comments by President

- o Thank you for attending

Agenda

- Treasury Report – Raymon was absent
 - o Balance as of 12/31/08 \$3,169.42
- Spring Fling--- March 5th at Lou Malnati's- Buffalo Grove
 - o Budget approved was \$550
 - o The committee will send an email announcement/invitation to members and their guest
- Directions for BNG 2009
 - o Based on our discussion at the last BNG meeting January 9th it is growth in our membership
 - o Continue to discuss at each meeting
 - o Make an effort to utilize the brochure to handout to prospects
 - o Follow up potential members with an email link to the bng website
 - o We are currently at 20 members, a suggestion was made to grow by 10 this year
- Facilitators
 - o The format was helpful to develop our communication and leadership skills
 - o Holly- has been communicating and working with the scheduled facilitator with his/her responsibilities in "running" the meeting. The guidelines are posted on the web and will be provided at the meeting prior to their scheduled date to facilitate.
 - o We will continue to look for outside presenters/speakers- what topic would be of interest to the group??
- Membership
 - o Doug reported that Ron and him were working on a list of business categories that are open
 - o It was suggested that we do not need this list as we already know what openings we have. We, as a group need to continue to look for those we would like have in our group and be able to refer business to.
- Website mailing list
 - o Thank you to Triona for all of her hours (40+) in working on an updated website
 - o Please go to <http://www.guidryconsulting.com/bngnew>
 - o Provide any input to Triona
 - o Will look at updating with current pictures—maybe take pictures at our next meeting
- Brochure
 - o Doug provided revised BNG brochure-