

# Waldwick Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

**Date:** July 24, 2024

**Location:** Waldwick Library

**Time:** 8:30 AM

Attendees: Stan Kowalski, Mary Beth Nappi, Giuseppe Cascio, Dave Barthold, Brian Mackey, Curtis Stringfield, Lori Quinn, Tracy Infield, Chuck Farricker, Mike Glickman, Nick Scheibner, TJ Carlton & Family, Pat D'Augustine, Jennifer Miano, Laurie Hamm, Harris Morris, Cristyn Madley, John Ambel, Jean Parr, Chuck Wanamaker, Joel Edelson, Carol Cuttito, Neha Garcia, Ernesto Enrique, Chip Yerger, Christine Figulio, Karen Centenuro, Mark Goodell, Pat Goodell, Ernesto Duran, Barbara Hand, George Reskaris, Dora Karanikas

## 1. Welcome & Introductions

Stan Kowalski, President & W5K Race Director, opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

## 2. Chamber Updates

- **Motion to Accept Minutes:** Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes from the May 15th Chamber meeting was approved. Motion by Dave & Giuseppe
- **Mayor's Update:** Kelly Halewicz shared updates from Mayor Giordano regarding Waldwick Borough. Some weather issues with our Music in the Park event will send updates to Mary Beth Nappi for distribution.
- **New Board Member:** Barbara Hand from West Bergen Mental Healthcare was welcomed as the newest Board member. Motion Approved.
- **Membership Update:** Current membership stands at 105 members, comprising 85 businesses and 20 non-profits. Among these, 74 are from Waldwick and 31 from outside.
- **New Members:** The Chamber welcomed five new members this month:
  - Ho-Ho-Kus Inn & Tavern
  - CVC Ventures LLC
  - Bancroft Dobrin Orthodontics
  - TEEEM (The Empathy, Equality, Entrepreneurship Mission)
  - Redstruct
- **Businesses Changing Hands:**
  - Lakeland Bank has merged with Provident Bank, with the new sign expected by September. Giuseppe Cascio will keep us posted.
  - Liberty 100 Realty has merged with Terrie O'Connor Realtors. After 30+ years member Tom Johnson is preparing to retire. Tom moved his 20+ agents to the Terrie O'Connor Allendale office. Two Respected Brands in Real Estate Have Joined Forces.
  - ServePro of NW Bergen welcomed new ownership. We welcome the new management and wish Charlie success in the future.
- **Recent Events:**
  - The networking event at Charlie's Place was a success with 35 attendees.
  - The Waldwick Community Alliance Car Show was well-attended and praised.

## 3. Upcoming Events

- **An Afternoon of Remembrance:** Sgt. Christopher Goodell event on July 13. We are asking members to do their best to attend this event. It is the 10-year anniversary of our town losing Sgt. Goodell.
- **Waldwick Passport Summer 2024:** Running from July 20 to August 17. The Passport team is working to get all the prizes, if you have donations for the prize basket, please drop them asap to Neha Garcia at Bombay Hut or contact Jennifer Miano or Tracy Infield.
- **6th Annual Michael "Chet" Smith Memorial Golf Outing:** Scheduled for August 23. Flyers have gone out on this event!

- **Multi Network Oktoberfest Event:** September 25th at Ho-Ho-Kus Inn. Flyers will go out about this event in our next newsletter.
- **Taste of Waldwick:** Planned for September (date TBD). Still working on the details of this event & if it will take place this year. Also talking about a Restaurant week!
- **Reminder:** Check the weekly Chamber newsletter for details on upcoming events.

#### 4. Waldwick 5K Run – Stan Kowalski Race Director Updated that group on the event.

- **16th Annual W5K Run Recap:** Held on May 5, 2024.
  - **Special Thanks:** Extended to Mayor Giordano, the Waldwick Chamber of Commerce, Waldwick PD, Volunteer Ambulance, CERT, DPW, Volunteer Fire Department, BOE, volunteers, sponsors, participants, and spectators.
  - **Participation:** 501 runners and 103 walkers participated, with 61 paid sponsors and 20 in-kind sponsors.
  - **Donations:** \$40,500 raised in total.
    - Donations to Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation totaled \$3,500 from 126 donors, which the Chamber matched to make it \$7,000.

#### 5. Business Resources

- **SCORE:** [Score.org/northeastnj](https://score.org/northeastnj)
- **New Jersey Business Action Center:** [1-800-Jersey-7, NJ.gov/State/bac](https://1-800-Jersey-7.NJ.gov/State/bac)

#### 6. Announcements

- **Scholarship Recipients:**
  - Olivia Mdeway (Rutgers)
  - Roxane Dagher (UConn)
  - Kimberly Landaverde (Ramapo)
  - Thomas Carlton (Rowan University)
- **Next Chamber Meeting:** Scheduled for September 24, 2024. There will be no general meeting in August.
- **New Event:** The Waldwick Passport starts July 20 and runs until August 17. Jennifer Miano, Tracy Infield, Neha Garcia, Lori Quinn, and MB Nappi are coordinating prizes and activities.

#### 7. Closing

- Attendees were reminded to share promotions or events scheduled for their businesses or organizations, which will be promoted on social media.

**Motto:** “Limitations only exist if you let them.”