

Waldwick Chamber of Commerce

General Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: Waldwick Public Library

1. Call to Order

President **Stan Kowalski** opened the meeting at 8:30 AM.

2. Attendees

Mary Beth Nappi (Terrie O'Connor Realtors); Neha Garcia (Bombay Hut); Jim Prussack (Applause Home Care); George Reskakus; Amanda Krakowiak (Heritage WBE Inc.); Cristyn Madley (Families for Families); Natilia Arciszewski (DD&D LLC); Salina McLaughlin (Waldwick Neighbors Magazine); Dave Barthold (Christie's International); Carol Cuttita; Lauren Schreiber (Waldwick Neighbors Magazine); Julie Pignatelli (Generation III); Gregg Butler (SCORE); Stella Apo Osa-Twum (Clean & Thrive); Christine Figuliuolo (Creations by Christine Events); Nancy Enriques (Bagel Bros II); Ashley Riker (Christie's HHK); Vanda Ondries (St. Eve's Restaurant); Giuseppe Cascio (Prudential Bank); Stan Kowalski (President); Chuck Farricker; Barbara Hand (West Bergen Health); Lori Quinn (Waldwick Library); Brian Mackey (Cruises by Brian).

3. Introductions

Each attendee introduced themselves and their business or organization.

4. Member Announcements & Updates

- **St. Eve's Restaurant** – Owner **Vanda Ondries** announced the *October 28th Five-Course Fall Tasting Dinner*. Carol noted the event was “amazing” last year.
- **West Bergen** – **Barbara Hand** invited all members to West Bergen's upcoming event at **Gearblock Brewing**.
- **Christie's HHK** – **Ashley Riker** offered social media assistance to board members and encouraged them to reach out for support.
- **Families for Families** – **Cristyn Madley** discussed *First Friday Job Training* initiatives.
- **Clean & Thrive** – **Stella Apo Osa-Twum** shared information about her book.
- **Waldwick Neighbors Magazine** – **Lauren Schreiber & Salina McLaughlin** highlighted advertising opportunities and announced plans for a *Waldwick-only edition*.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the **September 17, 2025** meeting minutes:

- **1st:** Giuseppe Cascio; **2nd:** Chuck Farricker Motion carried.

6. Membership Updates

Stan welcomed new members:

- **Waldwick Neighbors Magazine** – Lauren Schreiber & Salina McLaughlin
- **John Neagle**, Wingman Business Solutions
- **Steph Spirou Photography** – specializing in newborn and family photography

Stan noted John Neagle was met at HHK Day and shared that *Steph Spirou is originally from Waldwick.*

7. Recent Events

- **Heritage WBE 1-Year Anniversary (Oct 7)** – Event attended by **Mayor Giordano** and **Tatitiana Marque**.
- **Taste of Waldwick – 2nd Annual (Oct 13)**
 - 15 restaurants participated
 - 90+ attendees
 - Music and food were excellent
 - **\$1,500 donation** will be made to the **Alzheimer's Walk**; check to be presented at next month's meeting.

8. Upcoming Events

Stan encouraged members to support fellow Chamber members' events.
(Events follow the agenda schedule provided in the attached document.)

- October 23rd **TEEM leadership Symposium Montclair State** 8:30am -2:00pm
- October 28th **St. Eve's A Chef curated Fall Season Tasting Dinner** 6:00pm
- October 29th **Allendale /Saddle River Rotary fundraiser**. Gearblock Brewing Company 5:30pm 8:00pm
- November 13th **West Bergen Mental Health Fundraiser Beer Tasting Gearblock Brewing** 6:00-9:00pm
- November 10th **18th Annual W5K Run kickoff meeting Matthews Diner** 8:30am

For additional events and updates, please refer to the Chamber's weekly newsletter & website.

9. Adjournment

Meeting concluded with a reminder of the importance of collaboration and community engagement within the Chamber.