

# Waldwick Chamber of Commerce

## General Meeting Minutes - January 21, 2026 | 8:30 AM | Location: Waldwick Library

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**1. Welcome & Introductions** - Stan Kowalski, President & W5K Race Director, called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees. Members introduced themselves and their businesses.

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## 2. Chamber Updates

**Approval of Minutes** - A motion was made by **Dave Barthold** to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the November 19, 2025 Chamber Meeting and approve them as presented.

The motion was seconded by **Giuseppe Cascio** and **Neha Garcia**.

**Motion approved.**

### Current Chamber Membership

- Total Members: **115**
  - 91 For-Profit
  - 24 Non-Profit
  - 74 Waldwick-based businesses
  - 41 Businesses outside of Waldwick

Approval was requested for two new Board Members previously approved by the Board: Motion by Dave Barthold. Unanimous vote.

- **Gregg Butler & Amanda Krakowiak**

### New Member Welcome

The Chamber welcomed its newest members: Passion Pickleball & Evolve Salon

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## 3. Recent Events

### Food Emporium Grand Opening – January 9, 2026

The Chamber attended and supported the grand opening of the Food Emporium. Members expressed appreciation for this great new addition to the Waldwick business community.

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## 4. Upcoming Events

**February 2–3: Sean Fisher Memorial Foundation – Heart Screenings**

Members were reminded of the upcoming heart screenings. It was noted that several students' lives have been saved over the years due to this initiative. The Foundation is seeking funding to continue its life-saving mission. A flyer and QR code are available at the back of the room to hang in your businesses or donate.

## February 18: Ramsey Chamber Winter Social

Location: Ramsey Country Club

## February 20: AIM Conference – “Integrity”

Location: Crystal Springs Resort

Christine Figliuolo is hosting this event along with Chip, Stella, and other Chamber members. The conference promises to be an uplifting and impactful day focused on integrity.

## March 19: Hope Christian – Beefsteak & Cornhole Tournament

Members were encouraged to share additional business events or promotions. All members were reminded to check the weekly Chamber newsletter and website for updates.

## 5. Waldwick Chamber of Commerce 5K Run & 1 Mile Walk

### 18th Annual W5K Run – May 3, 2026

- **Theme:** Celebrating 250 Years of Freedom, Community, and Commerce
  - **Tagline:** Honoring the Past. Running Toward the Future.
  - Business sponsorship opportunities will be available
  - Registration opens February 16, 2026
  - Volunteers are always welcome
  - 2025 W5K donations to date: **\$38,300**, benefiting 40+ organizations
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## 6. Guest Speaker Workshop: Lucia Cardona – Clarity Coach & Life Coach

**Presentation Title:** *Beyond Resolutions: The Blueprint for True Transformation* - Lucia Cardona provided a workshop focused on moving beyond traditional resolutions and creating sustainable, meaningful transformation in both business and personal development.

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## 7. Next Chamber Meeting: February 18, 2026 | 8:30 AM | Waldwick Library

**Guest Speaker:** Louise Van Osten, LVO Management Consulting

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## 8. Attendees

Mary Beth Nappi (Terrie O'Connor Realtors); Neha Garcia (Bombay Hut); George Reskakus; Amanda Krakowiak (Heritage WBE Inc.); Cristyn Madley (Families for Families); Natalia 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 Osae-Twum (Clean & Thrive); Christine Figliuolo (Creations by Christine Events); Nancy & Ernesto Enriques (Bagel Bros II); Giuseppe Cascio (Prudential Bank); Stan Kowalski (President); Chuck Farricker; Lori Quinn (Waldwick Library); Kat Yannaluf (Sir Junk); Megan Becker (One River Allendale); Katelin Kelley (Salt Pilates); Lisa Peterson (Jar of Happiness Bakery); Rodney Shankoff (Gentlemen Window Cleaning); Linda Bernstein (Linda Bernstein Designs); Jim Prussack (Applause Home Health Care); Lucia Cardona (Life Coach); Debbie Corwin (Bergen Volunteers); Derek Ralston (President, Ramsey Chamber of Commerce); Barry Houdsworth, Karen Stires (HoHoKus Ridgewood Magazine)