

# Waldwick Chamber of Commerce

General Meeting Minutes | February 18, 2026 | 8:30 AM | Waldwick Library

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**1. Call to Order & Welcome** The meeting was called to order by **President Stan Kowalski**, who welcomed attendees and led introductions.

**2. Approval of Minutes** - A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the January 21, 2026 meeting minutes and approve them as presented. **Motion made by:** Dave Barthold | **Seconded by:** Giuseppe Cascio | **Vote:** Unanimously approved

## 3. Chamber Updates

- Current membership stands at **123 members**:
  - 99 for-profit / 24 non-profit | 77 Waldwick-based / 46 outside Waldwick
- **New Members Welcomed:**  
Nellie's Place, Salt Pilates Studio, Waldwick Pharmacy, Sharon Christian (Realtor), LVO Management Consulting, NJ Business AI, Kitchen Wise Closet Wise of Bergen County

## 4. Board Elections (2026)

Vice President **Dave Barthold** conducted the election of officers. All positions were **unanimously approved** as follows:

- **President:** Stan Kowalski: Motion: Ernesto & Chuck Farricker
- **Vice President:** Julie Pignatelli & Dave Barthold: Motion: MB Nappi & Giuseppe Cascio
- **Treasurer:** George Reskakus: Motion: Giuseppe Cascio & Chuck Farricker
- **Secretary:** Mary Beth Nappi: Motion: Chuck Farricker & Giuseppe Cascio

## 5. Recent Events

- **Sean Fisher Memorial Foundation Heart Screenings (Feb 2–3):**  
Event was successful. Continued donations to the foundation are encouraged.
- **Montvale Chamber Networking Event (Feb 4):**  
Attended by Stan Kowalski, Carol, and George at Fleming's.  
A new contact was made who is expected to present on **small business grants** at a future Chamber meeting (anticipated April).

**6. Upcoming Events** - Members were encouraged to attend and support upcoming networking and community events:

- **February 18:** Ramsey Chamber Winter Social – Ramsey Country Club
- **February 20:** AIM Conference (“Integrity”) – Crystal Springs Resort
  - Several Chamber members will be guest speakers
- **March 19:** Hope Christian Beefsteak & Cornhole Tournament
- **March 26:** American Legion Post 57 Trivia Night (monthly free event)

Members were reminded to check the **weekly Chamber newsletter and website** for updates.

## 7. Waldwick Chamber 5K Run & 1 Mile Walk (May 3, 2026)

- **18th Annual Event Theme:** Celebrating 250 Years of Freedom, Community, and Commerce
- **Tagline:** Honoring the Past. Running Toward the Future
- **Registration Update:**
  - Opening day promotion (\$17.76) resulted in **155 registrations**
  - Currently: 172 registered, \$800 in donations from 25 donors
- **Sponsorships:**
  - Ongoing outreach; awaiting responses from ShopRite and Volvo
- Volunteers are welcome and encouraged to participate

## 8. Guest Speakers

- **Louise Van Osten** – LVO Management Consulting
- **Charlie Kaczorowski** – Accounting & Tax Services

**Presentation Topic:** Business planning and tax strategies for a profitable year

**Key Takeaways:** Importance of proactive **business planning**, Strategic **tax planning for businesses**, Emphasis on maintaining accurate **bookkeeping practices**

## 9. Business Resources Shared

- SCORE Northeast NJ, NJEDA Small Business Services, New Jersey Business Action Center

## 10. Next Meeting

**March 18, 2026 | 8:30 AM | Waldwick Library |**

**Guest Speaker:** Kris Scheufele, NJ Business AI

**Topic:** AI Tools Every Small Business Owner Should Know

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**11. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned following the conclusion of business.

## 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); Ernesto & 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; Lori Quinn (Waldwick Library); Brian Mackey (Cruises by Brian); Jim Coban (Coban Computers); Megan Becker (One River); Kat Yannalfo (Sir Junk); Rodney (Gentlemen Window Cleaning); Chrissie Lijoi (West Bergen)