

**TUCSON PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
October 2009**

The general meeting of Tucson Professional Organizers was called to order at 5:00pm on Tuesday October 20, 2009 at Ronald McDonald House by Sue Zepeda.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jill Janis, Wanda Bader, MaryLynn St.Germaine, Erika Dattner, Jean Slagel, Sue Zepeda, Janet Munson, Ori Parnaby, Nannette Palmer

GUESTS:

Susan Fagotti, Jennifer Phelps, Sheila McCurdy
(Jennifer and Sheila joined us as new members at the meeting - welcome!)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Jean moved to approved the September 2009 minutes; Ori seconded the motion. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Welcome also to new member Julie Christen (not present).

SPEAKER:

Sandy Riser, owner of The Next Level Business Solutions, spoke on the topic: Growing Your Business During a Recession. The talk was informative, lively, thorough, useful. Attached are the notes that accompanied the talk.

OLD BUSINESS:

Women's Spa and Wellness Fair

The experience was fun and interesting. Our main purpose was exposure for T-PrO and for organizing as a profession. Many people signed up wanting information on how to become an organizer, and Ori will be following up with all of them. In order to tell if it was worth the money we spent on it, members are encouraged to keep track of any actual business they get as a result of it, and let us know.

Thanks to all the organizers who spent time there; and to MaryLynn for the table-top display.

NEW BUSINESS:

GO Month (January)

We are going to have a Shredathon in January. Some things we'll do differently than last time: get a more central location, do it on a Saturday, start later in the morning, find someone who can shred on site.

Nannette and MaryLynn will organize this.

Members nominated three charities to receive the money we make (Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Ronald McDonald House, Youth On Their Own) with Big Brother/Big Sisters winning the vote.

Sue will contact Suzette Colley to see if Arizona Small Business Association will collaborate with us again.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 6:30pm by Sue.

DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 5:00pm

Ronald McDonald House, Campbell and Allen

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY: Jill Janis, Secretary