

April 22 Tuesday Lead Share Minutes on Dementia

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Announcements and Updates

- Dennis Donovan was absent, but is expected to arrive later.
- The accountant submitted a report indicating the money is still there.
- Members should inform Dennis about leads they provide or receive to ensure accountability.

Upcoming Events

- Business Networking at Harry's at Airlie from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.
- Valor Awards are happening tomorrow.
- Coffee and Commerce on Friday, April 25, at Dunkin Donuts from 8 AM to 9 AM.
- Young Professionals Council First Friday luncheon on May 2nd at Vinnie's Italian Grill in Bealeton from noon to 1:00 PM.
- Oakview National Bank grand opening and ribbon cutting on Thursday, May 8th, before 37, replacing the monthly after five event.

Business Networking Lunch

- There are 19 attendees, including new and prospective members.
- Members can log in to the member information center to see who is registered.
- The Valor Awards will be the largest event in four and a half years, with 175 attendees and 29 tables.

Silver Branch Update

- Silver Branch is not yet up and running due to extensive fire damage.
- Brewing operations were centralized and moved to Rockville, Maryland.
- Other breweries and wineries in Culpeper are carrying Silver Branch beers.

Introductions

• Jan suggested improving introductions but is traveling.

- The suggestion was to introduce the person to the left.
- The plan is to review tips for introductions or elevator speeches, then introduce themselves.
- Brandon Neal, CEO and founder of Collective Technologies, Inc., introduced himself and his company's platforms, including Local Outing and Collective Auto.

Introduction

- The speaker offers to teach how to make more money in the digital realm.
- Attendees are encouraged to eat and mingle before an exercise.

Resources

- Copies of resources are distributed.
- The speaker admits to researching, not plagiarizing, an elevator speech.
- The best advice found was "don't actually do it in an elevator."

Elevator Speeches

- The speaker mentions a past Sunday school lesson on crafting an elevator testimony.
- Some attendees are not business owners but represent the Walker community or non-profits.

Group Discussion

- New members may feel that the group assumes everyone knows them and what they do.
- The speaker references a previous presentation where someone asked what the presenter did.

Strong Hook Exercise

- The speaker "borrowed" ideas from the internet and found them relatable to the group.
- Step one is to pick something that gets people excited to hear from you.
- Attendees will go around and give an example of something relatable in their business.

Examples of Strong Hooks

- Relate to the recipient: Mention a shared connection or experience to build rapport.
 - Example: "Becky, you and I are both connected to the housing industry."
- Start with a question:
 - Example: "Are you happy with how much you're paying for your home?" (Revised to: "Do you know somebody who's not happy?")
- Offer a surprising statistic or fact:
 - Example: "A conditioned crawl space can increase your home energy by 15%."
- Propose a problem:
 - Example: Clutter can cause people to panic and struggle to get things done.
- Use a quote:
 - Example: "Conflict is normal, but conflict doesn't need to be destructive."

Establishing Credibility and Value

- After the "strong hook," the next step is establishing credibility and value.
- Clearly state your name and position.
 - Example: "I'm a scout breaker with the Arcata Media Group. We do marketing, branding and design."
 - Another Example: "I am the president."
- Provide a brief description of your business.
 - Example: "We provide promotional products."

• Provide potable water throughout a home or small business for any water out condition they might experience. Whether it's storms, broken water mains, floods, hurricanes, ice storms.

Call to Action & <u>FCTStage.org</u>

- The speaker notes a weakness in the group is the call to action.
- <u>FCTStage.org</u>: Volunteer for free tickets to shows.
 - Faulkier Community Theater has been around for 46 years.

Localouting.com

- <u>localouting.com</u>: A platform for businesses to showcase experiences, classes, tours, and events.
 - Speaker says, "If you don't see an experience, a class, a tour, or an event that your business is putting on, you're falling behind."
 - For \$30 a month, businesses can earn equity in the platform.
- The platform is still in beta.
 - The technology is designed to build your website on the same platform.
 - The speaker can teach people how to make more money with their business using the platform, Instagram, or Facebook.

BEMER

- BEMER is a medical device that improves blood flow.
- Two weeks free to try it.

Introductions

- Becky Miller with Piedmont Fine Properties: "The average homeowner has a hundred times more net worth than a renter."
 - Looking to meet with local financial planners and estate attorneys.
- Dennis Reitz of Golden Rule Builders: Remodels kitchens, focusing on how families function in their kitchen.
- Paul Klinger with UVA Community Credit Union Mortgages: Many people don't know where to start when it comes to buying a home.
 - The credit union teaches people how to buy a house.
- Russ Nagle with Lux Foundation Solution: Offers free inspections on residential or commercial properties.
 - Focuses on crawl spaces, basements, and structural issues.
- Kelsey May is an assistant organizer with Spaces Organized and Styled, a residential organizing service.
 - They organize any area of the home and also do digital organizing.
 - They work with clients to make sure that they have healthier organizing habits in the future.
 - Website: spacesorganizedinstitute.com
- Piedmont Peace Center helps people navigate conflict in their life through mediation services (courts or privately).
 - They facilitate conversations with organizations, schools, and individuals.
 - They have a program called Chats, which connects humans and tells stories.
 - Connection is the cornerstone of building trust in the community.
- Scott Bricker with Orcata Media Group helps you tell your story (brand, business, event, product line).
 - They figure out where you are, where you want to be, and help you get there.
 - Contact: <u>orcada.com</u>
- John Fraser with Brown and Bigelow helps establish a budget and what kind of items to leave behind to make people remember what you are trying to accomplish.
 - They work within your budget, the number of items that you need, and your market area.
- Judson Walls is the founder and CEO of Constant Water.
 - Constant Water Systems are battery-powered whole house emergency water systems that provide a source of potable water throughout your home for any water out event.

• Website: <u>constantwater.com</u>

- Erin Bannister is with Countryside, Title and Escrow.
 - She is looking for people who are thinking about buying houses or refinancing.
 - She has a lot of first-time home buyers that need extra hand-holding.
- Laurie Bursack represents Faulkier Community Theater.
 - Jersey Boys opens on Friday night.
 - They have three summer camps for kids 8 to 18.
 - Website: <u>FCTStage.org</u>
 - Free seats for anyone who comes and volunteers.
- Brandon Neal is the CEO of Collective Technologies.
 - He helps improve your business from a digital perspective.
 - He asks, "If you're not making revenue while you're sleeping, you're missing out a huge opportunity."
- Stephanie Teague is with Bemer, a medical device from Europe.
 - It works with blood flow, improving your blood flow.
 - Eight minutes in the morning and eight minutes in the evening can help with aches and pains, giving you more stamina and energy.

Rambling and Practice

- The speaker admits to rambling during their first Culpepper speech.
- The speaker notes that "the more you do it, the better it gets as well" and that getting out of practice can hinder performance.

Referrals and Value Proposition

- The speaker hopes that the group can get "really good about who we are, what we do, our value proposition" so that referrals become natural.
- The speaker wants members to understand each other's businesses to facilitate easy referrals.

Roster and Industry Needs

- The speaker brought cards to put in the box and requests everyone else's cards to create a physical roster in addition to the website listing.
- Members are asked to come next week with three industries they would like to see in the group to help their businesses.
- The goal is to "divide and conquer" to find and invite potential members from those industries.
- The speaker emphasizes that this is a chance to be selfish and focus on industries that would best serve each member.

Element Messages and Business Cards

- One attendee mentions that their office had a retreat but didn't get to element messages.
- The attendee will bring the idea back to their executive director.
- Business cards are collected to create a roster that can be easily carried and consulted for referrals.

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