B.E.S.T. Meeting Minutes

Jan. 9, 2014

1. Call to Order at 8:34

2. Introductions

3. Reading and Approval of the Minutes – Jeanne Kearby

A motion was made by Dale Kehr and seconded by Judy Armstrong to accept the minutes from December 12, 2013.

Motion carried.

4. Treasurer’s Report – Pete Molidor.

Tabled

5. Speaker – Kathleen Conlon Wasik to speak about The Safe Communities Alliance Initiative

Kathleen Wasik explained the functions and charge for the League of women Voters that has allowed her to represent the League in her efforts to establish a structure and system to report and provide a standard and consistent way of reporting crime and collecting data to be shared with interested civic organizations. She told how she became interested when her daughters talked about what they would do if a gunman came into their school. She discovered there were no consistent data reporting or system of collection that could be used by police or other agencies and thus began her journey. She started with Lake County Sheriff Department and expanded to politicians and the Police Association. Her goal is to have a clearinghouse that will have the police report the number and type of incidences in communities throughout the State. This will make the police more effective, investigations easier and will make people feel safer.

A lively set of questions were asked and answered.

A motion was made by Georgeann Duberstein and seconded by Deanna Olman to direct BEST to write a letter of support for Kathleen to use in her efforts for change.

Motion passed with no nay votes.

The Executive Board will draft and send the letter.

6. Reports of Standing Committees

a. By-Laws – Jim DiDonato

There was discussion with the Executive Board and the committee will be bringing recommendations to the next meeting.

b. Membership – Wendy Warden, Chair

No report

c. Public Awareness – Georgeann Duberstein, Chair

We have advertised our meetings. She is looking for press contacts.

d. Special Projects – Community Empowerment Grants – Shirley Christian, Chair

No Report

7. Reports of Special Committees

a. Kindergarten Readiness Committee – Judy Armstrong, Lead

Judy announced the next meeting of the Kindergarten Readiness Committee on the 14th at 9:00 and the Second Cup of Coffee event on Feb. 11 at 8:00 am at the Round Lake Beach Civic Center.

b. Chili Supper – Kathy Myers, Lead

Kathy reported the final numbers on the Chili Supper run by BEST and Round Lake Exchange Club. Sponsorships yielded $8125, On-site Revenue was $2640.25, and Expenses were $3074.67 totaling a profit of $3845.29 for BEST and $3845.29 for Exchange Club

A committee will be forming in February.

c. Parent Involvement Committee – Kathy Myers, Lead

No Report

8. Membership News

Members around the table noted events and points of interest for their individual organizations and causes.

9. Next Meeting – Feb.13, 2014

10. Adjournment was called by Kathy Myers. All were in Favor. 9:55