B.E.S.T. Minutes

October 9, 2014

1. Call to Order 830

2. Introductions

3. Reading and Approval of the Minutes – Jeanne Kearby

Minutes Tabled

4. Treasurer’s Report – Pete Molidor

Financial Report Tabled

5. Speaker – Mary Lockhart White – Head Start

Mary Lockhart White gave an overview of the Head Start program. Head Start is a 3-5 program originally developed to meet the needs of children in poverty. The program was subsidized for families at or below !00% of the poverty level. They work on social skills as well as readiness skills. They also work with families if there is a developmental delay. It is a Federally Funded program and are working with Community Parent Involvement. They serve breakfast and lunch family style and also provide math and science enrichment experiences. They are working on providing Head Start program in Round Lake and working with the school district to provide a half day program for students in the school district preschool program.

6. Reports of Standing Committees

Public Awareness – Georgeann Duberstein, Chair: Press was provided with information on B.E.S.T. meeting and also were given a press release on the B.E.S.T. Grant provide for Front Line.

Kathy noted the Radio programs on WLRL Today was transportation issues, October 16 was the Round Lake Foundation, October 23 was Man-a-Mano and October 31st was the Dist. 116 Referendum issue.

Special Projects – Community Empowerment Grants – Shirley Christian, Chair noted that we need to advertise the Grant opportunities offered by B.E.S.T.

7. Reports of Special Committees

a. Kindergarten Readiness Committee – Judy Armstrong, Lead noted that the committee would be meeting every other month and putting together a newsletter for distribution.

b. Chili Supper – Kathy Myers, Lead noted the Chili Supper event on the 20th. 5:00 pm – 7:30. They next meeting was on Monday, October 13 at 8:30 a.m.at Panera.

c. Community Calendar – Jim DiDonato, Lead noted no new information.

d. Transportation – Philippe Melin, Lead reported that LCCTSC ‘s next meeting was Nov. 19, 10:30 at U of I Extension. He encouraged all members to send questions to Kathy to ask at the presentation.

e. Community Outreach – Dale Kehr, Lead reported that the committee had developed a list of questions and was gathering information.

8. Check In

9. Next Meeting – November 13, 2014

10. Adjournment 9:53 by acclamation.