B.E.S.T. Agenda

March 13, 2014

1. Call to Order – 8:34 a.m.

2. Introductions

3. Reading and Approval of the Minutes – Jeanne Kearby

Motion to approve the February Minutes by Judy Armstrong and seconded by Georgeann Duberstein

Motion Carried

4. Treasurer’s Report – Pete Molidor – No Report

5. Speaker – Sandra Prez, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Metro University of Illinois Extension

sprez@illinois.edu 847-223-8627 and Sally Foster with Blue Kids

a. Sandra explained that 4H was no longer cows, ploughs and sows. They were expanding the suburban youth program and currently had 200,00 participants in 4H nationally. 4H focus was on Big M (belonging, independence, generosity and mastery). In Lake County there has been a focus on robotics clubs. Currently they are setting up mentors for 60 youth in Round Lake.

b. Speaker Sally Foster spoke to members regarding the Blue Kids: Preventing Child Abuse Campaign. DCFS and Law Enforcement participate in the Blur Kids awareness campaign. There are 3 core values: cherish children, support families and building communities. April is awareness month and there are fliers, signs and information that can be shared with the organizations represented at BEST. This group sets policies and procedures to increase awareness of the problem and offers parenting classes.

6. Reports of Standing Committees

a. By-Laws – Jim DiDonato No Report

b. Membership – Wendy Warden, Chair: Preparing invoices and invitations to join.

c. Public Awareness – Georgeann Duberstein, Chair Reminded the group to get her information so she can send the information to the newspapers and web sites.

d. Special Projects – Community Empowerment Grants – Shirley Christian, Chair No Report

7. Reports of Special Committees

a. Kindergarten Readiness Committee – Judy Armstrong, Lead: Spoke of the success of the Second Cup event. There were additional presenters such as Reading in Motion. Some new faces attended and as a result the committee is working to get meetings with Congressman Brad Schneider and Senator Melinda Bush to talk about the needs in Lake County.

b. Chili Supper – Kathy Myers, Lead: Event will be on the 3rd Monday in October, October 20, 2014. Please sign-up to help we need some new faces.

9. Next Meeting – April 10, 2014

10. Adjournment 10:01 a.m.

Motion made by Dale Kehr and seconded by Wendy Warden to adjourn – Motion Carried