B.E.S.T. Minutes

August 14, 2014

**1. Call to Order at 8:34 a.m.**

**2. Introductions**

**3. Reading and Approval of the Minutes – Jeanne Kearby**

Approval for July 10, 2014 minutes were moved by Judy Armstrong and seconded by Georgeann Duberstein. Motion was approved by acclamation.

**4. Treasurer’s Report – Pete Molidor**

**5. President’s Report – Kathy Myers Presentation of Goals and Budget for 2014-2015**

Kathy presented the 2014/2015 Goals and Budget for B.E.S.T. for approval. A motion was made by Dale Kahr and seconded by Wendy Warden to accept the Goals and Budget. Motion was carried by acclamation.

**6. Speaker – Cindy Pagano, Chairman for Top Box**

Cindy explained the Box Top program that will allow people to purchase a box of fresh fruits and vegetables and a box of frozen meat for a 40% reduced prize. There are no qualifications or specific guidelines a person or family has to meet in order to be able to purchase this restaurant quality food. The boxes will be sold once a month at three different locations, One in Round Lake, one in North Chicago and one in Waukegan. Round Lake’s location will be at Calvary Presbyterian Church. Cindy answered questions from the members.

**7. Reports of Standing Committees**

**a. By-Laws – Jim DiDonato** – There was no report at this time.

**b. Membership – Wendy Warden, Chair** – A reminder was given that dues need to be paid and Wendy will accept payments after the meeting.

**c. Public Awareness – Georgeann Duberstein, Chair** - Georgeann reported that she has contacted the Villages and Churches in the area about B.E.S.T. Grants that are available.

**d. Special Projects – Community Empowerment Grants – Shirley Christian, Chair**  - No report at this time.

Kathy reminded everyone that the radio spots sponsored by B.E.S.T. were starting in September. Guests are needed for October 23 and October 30. If anyone is interested to make sure they contact Kathy as soon as possible.

**8. Reports of Special Committees**

**a. Kindergarten Readiness Committee – Judy Armstrong, Lead** – Readiness Committee will meet every other month and there will be a newsletter developed for the off months. September 16 is the next meeting. If anyone would like to receive the newsletter or wishes to be on the committee, please contact Judy Armstrong.

**b. Chili Supper – Kathy Myers, Lead** – This is our only fundraiser and it will be held on October 20th from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. The committee is looing for Raffle Basket items. If anyone would like to donate items, let Kathy know. Volunteers are being organized and the Boy Scouts will be helping again this year. The committee is getting sponsors and letters have been distributed. If you or your organization would like to give a sponsorship, please contact Wendy Warden.

**c. Community Calendar – Jim DiDonato, Lead** – No report at this time.

**d. Transportation – Philippe Melin, Lead** – There will be a presentation in November about the transportation issues in the county. Please be prepared to bring your questions and concerns to the meeting.

**e. Community Outreach – Dale Kehr, Lead** – The committee has met and they have created a mission statement and identified five focus areas. If you are interested, the committee is interested in adding members.

**9. Check In** – This portion of the agenda is for the organizations around the room to highlight activities for their individual organizations. Often fliers or information is distributed.

**10. Next Meeting – September 11, 2014 at Round Lake Beach Village Hall**

**11. Adjournment was called by Kathy Myers at 10:01 a.m. without objection.**