BEST MINUTES

Jan. 12, 2017

1. **Call to order 8:32 a.m.**
2. **Introductions**
3. **Reading and Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Georgeann Duberstein and seconded by Jim DiDonato. Motion Carries by Acclamation

1. **Treasurers Report**

Pete Molidor presented the balance of 19,247.02. This does not include Chili Supper allocations. Motion was made by Jim Didonato and seconded by Judy Armstrong. Motion Carries by Acclamation.

1. **Presentation**

Mrs. Alfar presented information on the history and purpose of VPAC. It is a committee of parents and community members helping children succeed in school. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings, The parents and members work on communications with principals and create celebrations for the schools. This year was the third annual Hispanic Heritage Celebrations. Over 800 people attended.

The parents give feedback every year and suggest topics to be presented for an after school program. The after school program are parents and children that come together and have special activities for children after school. The parents are the teachers for the programs. Prior to attending the After School Program, parents attend a parenting seminar and then their children are able to participate in all the activities.

VPAC members are involved in curriculum and instruction, which cultivates leadership skills for parents. Questions were directed by the members and were answered.

**8 Reports**

A Bylaws, Jim DiDonato presented one new revisions to B.E.S.T. bylaws. They were sent to members twice prior to voting. The major change was the date of the final audit. Moved by Wendy Warden and seconded Dennis Timko. Motion Carries by Acclamation

Jim Also noted that nominations are open for Executive Committee and encouraged to consider running.

B. Membership, Wendy Warden noted our goal has been met for this year dues renewal is coming up.

C. Public Relations, Georgeann noted the Daily Herald is posting the meetings.

D. Grants report by Megan noted their mission and the process has been refined and changed the application. The Exec Committee has approved the guidelines for the grants and the application process is now done online. The projects have to serve a need in the community. In addition there was established firm deadlines twice a year only. The approval process will remain the same. There is also a reporting process to share the results back to BEST. All revisions and guidelines will be on the BEST website next week. The end of March is the start of the next cycle.

**8 Special Committees**

Judy Armstrong reported Kindergarten Readiness is waiting to have a meeting with Senator Bush. We are going to try to have a meeting next week. Jennifer Little from United Way has accepted another position and will not be on the committee.

Georgeann Duberstein reported Transportation Committee noting a private marketing company will do a study and analysis of Lake County transportation needs. Committees will be established throughout the community. It is really important to get members of the community to attend Tuesday 17 11:00 - 1:00. Round Lake Beach Cultural Center. On the 18th LCCTC meeting, the marketing group will be coming to update the LCCTSC at Transportation Building in Libertyville on Winchester at 9:30 a.m. It is just west of Winchester House.

Calendar Committee reminded us to put events on the calendar

Dementia Friendly Committee - President Myers is asking to have BEST create a new special Committee.  Motion to create a special committee was moved by seconded Dennis Timko and seconded by Paula Rohrs. Motion Carries by Acclamation

**Meeting adjourned at 10:05**

**Feb 9, 2017 next meeting.**