



General Meeting Agenda

September 14, 2017

Jim DiDonato called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM at the Round Lake Area Public Library with welcome and introductions.

Reading and approval of the minutes from August 10, 2017. Jeanne made a motion and Wendy made a second. All were in favor.

Jim announced that BEST will be holding the annual Chili Supper fundraiser on October 16th to support the Community Empowerment Grants. Everyone is encouraged to like the Chili Supper Facebook page, to sponsor the event, to volunteer for the event, and of course, to attend.

Reports from Executive Committees

President – Working on multiple behind the scenes efforts for the website, membership benefits, and the audit. BEST is hoping to have Mayor Lucas present at the next meeting.

Vice President – Wendy encouraged everyone to complete the membership survey so that the Executive Board may tailor the meetings to member's needs.

Treasurer – Beginning balance was \$18,473.97. Total revenue was \$1,056.12 and expenditures were \$510.00 leaving an ending balance of \$19,020.09. Taxes for 2016 were filed on August 30th.

Secretary – No report.

Reports from Standing Committees

By-Laws – Georgeann is putting together a bylaws calendar to help BEST stay on track.

Membership – Sandra absent. Jim encouraged everyone to submit their membership dues and highlighted the benefits of membership.

Public Awareness – Absent

Special Projects – Absent. Deanna reported that four grants were submitted and all have been reviewed by the committee. The Executive Committee will review recommendations from the Grants Committee on September 19th. Grant Awards will be announced at the next BEST General meeting on October 12th.

Reports from Special Committees

Kindergarten Readiness Committee - Judy absent. Jeanne reported that Pop Up Preschool was an enormous success. The preschool scholarships have been distributed and children have started class. The committee is working with the Shriver Center to do a community survey on early childhood needs. Next meeting is Tuesday, September 19th at 1:00 PM at Panera.

Transportation – The next Transportation Committee meeting is next Wednesday, September 20th. Georgeann will have a full report.

Calendar Committee – Members are encouraged to post community events on the calendar.

Dementia Friendly Committee – Absent. No report.

New Business

A fundraising committee will be started to help expand revenue for BEST. Please contact Jim if you are interested in volunteering on the committee.

Jim reviewed the website and its key features including the community calendar, grant application area, and membership survey areas. Members can complete their surveys here:

<http://www.rlabest.net/membership.html>.

BEST will be sharing member events from the calendar on the Round Lake Area BEST Facebook and Twitter. We would also like to increase our blog posts as there have been no recent posts. Wendy encouraged committees and individual members to submit articles for the blog. View the BEST blog here:

<http://rlabest.blogspot.com/>

Jim encouraged members to get involved in volunteer events for BEST and the various committees. Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend to our next meeting.

Review of August 10 discussion with Mayor Dan MacGillis:

- Jeanne is curious what the Mayor is doing to help keep the library in Round Lake. Jim clarified that the Mayor and the library are in initial discussions on expanding the library and it's too early to determine the future of the library's expansion efforts.
- Georgeann suggested that we narrow the focus and timeframe of the presentation from the Mayors so that we could have them back again to present.
- Jeanne indicated she is interested in learning more about how the Cedar Lake Road Improvements will affect the Round Lake Community and surrounding Round Lake area communities. She encouraged the mayor to share more information with the community about what the plans are and what stages they are in. Deanna suggested that we need a presentation purely on the Cedar Lake Road Improvement Project.
- Multiple members indicated that they would like to see more representation from the municipalities and increased communication about village projects.
- We would like municipalities to promote BEST events.
- A guest indicated that they would like the Mayors to become more involved with the faith community.
- Discussion on the need to better inform municipalities of services available and to improve referrals between service organization. Deanna gave an overview of the Find Help Lake County database and ServicePoint referral network.

Various announcements were made from members.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM. The next meeting of BEST will be October 12, 2017.