



Governor's Home Town Award Winner & Cup Finalist

Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together
A Round Lake Area Community Coalition

General Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2017

Jim DiDonato called the meeting to order at 8:38 AM at the Round Lake Area Public Library.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes from October 12, 2017. Eric made the first motion and Georgeann made a second. All were in favor.

Reports from Executive Committees

President

- Next month's meeting will be a Christmas Breakfast coordinated by Wendy Warden and Kathy Myers.
- The Executive Committee recently passed the budget and will be reviewing the audit today.
- Jim asked the Coalition if they would like a speaker during the off months between Mayors. Consensus was yes, that we should be having a speaker. Many presentations from Mayors have resulted in further action from BEST.

Vice President

- Wendy was absent. Jim reported that she is coordinating the 20th anniversary celebration and Christmas Breakfast.

Treasurer – Beginning balance was \$22,335.60 and the total revenue was \$3,005.08. Total Expenditures were \$1,278.11. Net revenue/expenditures was \$1,726.97 and the ending cash balance was \$24,062.57. Judy made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Georgeann made a second, and all were in favor.

Reports from Standing Committees

By-Laws – The Executive Committee approved membership fees to remain the same in the next fiscal year.

Membership – Sandra thanked the coalition for their patience during the transition and indicated that table tents are available for members.

Public Awareness – Jim indicated that he is seeking a chair for the Committee. Wendy, Kathy, and Jim have been filling in for now.

Special Projects – No report. Next round of funding begins next year.

Reports from Special Committees

Chili Supper - BEST and the Exchange Committee are working to finalize results from the fundraiser.

Calendar Committee -Committee has been dissolved and moved under the Public Awareness Committee.

Dementia Friendly Committee

- Recent accomplishments from the committee include a presentation at the Round Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, development of informational trifold, design and purchase of Angel clings.
- Currently working to develop and schedule trainings for interested businesses in the Round Lake Area.

- Long term goal of this committee is to develop awareness of the needs of folks with Dementia and their caretakers, to educate area businesses so they have the knowledge and skills to help their customers who may have dementia.
- Committee members are: Paula Rohrs, Jeanne Kearby, Danielle Theobald, Pete Molidor, Linda Lucassen, Georgeann Duberstein, Guadalupe Carrasco, Timothy Dilsaver, Sarah Shadnia, Chris, Martin Perez, Kari Pohar.
- Next meeting to be determined.

Kindergarten Readiness Committee

- Recent accomplishments include securing preschool funding from United Way and working on a long term, far reaching empowerment approach with the school district that was developed by the Committee.
- The Committee is currently working on the survey with Sargent Shriver Poverty Law. The Shriver Center is also conducting focus groups with Mano a Mano families.
- Long term the Committee seeks to empower area students for success in Kindergarten and they are seeking additional funds to help secure more preschool slots.
- Current committee members are: United Way, School District, Park District. Library, Mano a Mano, Lake County Health, Judy Armstrong, Jeanne Kearby
- The committee meets the Second Tuesday of the month at 1:00pm, rotating locations among committee members. The next meeting will be at the Round Lake Area Park District.

Transportation

- Georgeann attended a presentation on the state of the County's transportation system.
- A road safety taskforce has been formed at the County.
- The Market Study has released a few pieces of information:
 - Too many entities providing services
 - Fees are not consistent across entities
 - Marketing is needed to advertise services
 - Night service is unavailable in almost all areas
 - Determination that study needed to be expanded to focus on individuals needing transportation services to access jobs.
- More community groups will be held to help the study move forward. An event will be held in January at the Round Lake Beach Cultural and Civic Center.
- Georgeann will ask the Transportation Department to present an update to B.E.S.T. Megan also recommended that we invite someone from CMAP to speak.

New Business

- Jim will ask Mayor Lucassen about channels for communication with BEST since that was also an issue addressed with the previous mayor.
- The Village of Round Lake Beach will be hosting a Shop with a Cop Event on December 4th with 50 children. Meijer will be partnering with the Village as well to have Shop with a Hero. The Police Department hosted a Ball for the police officers and their families in October.

Various announcements were made from members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM. The next meeting of BEST will be December 14, 2017.