



Governor's Home Town Award Winner & Cup Finalist

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

General Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2017

Thank you to Kathy Myers and all members who sold or bought raffle tickets from our recent Chili Supper event. Proceeds from the raffle will go to our Community Empowerment Grant program.

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

Jim introduced the Round Lake Area High School Choir, lead by Javier Diaz, Round Lake Middle School General Music / Choir Director. Students gave a wonderful performance of several Christmas songs. Members thanked the students and staff for taking the time to spend part of their holiday season with BEST.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes from November 9, 2017. Georgeann Duberstien made the first motion and Carole Shook made a second. All were in favor.

Reports from Executive Committees

President

- Jim mentioned several upcoming projects for 2018, including reaching out to new members, working on new fundraising initiatives, and increasing member promotions.

Vice President

- No Vice President's report, though Jim mentioned Wendy's work on developing a 20th anniversary celebration.
- January Speaker: Gerry Daley, Mayor of Hainesville
- February Speaker: Lake County Department of Transportation

Treasurer – Beginning balance was \$24,062.57 and the total revenue was \$281.47. Total Expenditures were \$2,693.52. Net revenue/expenditures was -\$2,412.05 and the ending cash balance was \$21,650.52. Judy made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Georgeann made a second, and all were in favor. Erik noted we are still working to integrate deposits from Square into our accounting software.

Reports from Standing Committees

By-Laws – No report

Membership – No report

Public Awareness – Jim indicated that he is seeking a chair for the Committee and encouraged members to contact him if interested in serving in this position. In the meantime, please send Kathy Myers, Wendy Warden, or Jim DiDonato any events you'd like posted to BEST's Facebook page.

Special Projects – The next round of Community Empowerment Grant applications are due March 31st. A list of previous grants and the application can be found at <http://www.rlabest.net/community-empowerment-grants.html>.

Reports from Special Committees

Chili Supper - Kathy Myers, Lead

- Kathy informed membership that we had an amazing turnout at the October 16th event. This event generated \$4,750 in sponsorships and \$2,440 from sales at the event, totalling \$7,190 in revenue. Expenses were, \$3,257, resulting in new revenue of \$3,933. Hosted with help from BEST and the Round Lake Area Exchange Club, each group received half of the revenue; \$1,966.50 each. Kathy noted that sponsorships and donations were down quite a bit from last year and that not all of the raffle tickets were sold at the supper. BEST and the Exchange Club are selling raffle tickets to generate funds for both groups.

Dementia Friendly Committee - Kathy Myers, Lead

- Kathy will be attending a Dementia Friendly Informational Meeting in North Chicago on Friday Dec. 15th to learn more about what other communities in Lake County are planning. The event is being hosted by Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging.
- Kathy is currently working to develop training and meeting dates for early 2018.

Kindergarten Readiness Committee - Judy Armstrong, Lead

- The committee will be touring the Round Lake Area Park District's Site II Child Development Center at 10:00 am Friday, December 15th. BEST worked with the Women's Leadership Council of United Way of Lake County (<https://www.liveunitedlakecounty.org/womens-leadership-council/>) to secure grant funding for 22 students to attend this preschool program. Information on Site II can be found at <http://www.rlapd.org/facilities-child-center.cfm>
- The committee meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm, rotating locations among committee members. The next meeting will be at the Round Lake Area Park District.

Transportation - Georgeann Duberstein, Lead

- Georgeann's full report is included at the end of these minutes.
- During the meeting, Georgeann asked members to spread the word about transportation needs within the community. The issue that plagues our community is "last mile" transportation whereby residents aren't able to get to work, school, doctor offices, or grocery stores; the basic places people need to go in order to have a basic level of community. Georgeann noted there's a push to develop a Shared Use Mobility program as a solution to this issue. More information can be found at <http://www.sharedusemobilitycenter.org>

New Business

Jeanne Kearby engaged attendees in an ice breaker event designed to help everyone get to know each other. Everyone drew questions that asked people to tell something about themselves. We were all amazed and humbled by each other's stories. This was an event truly in the spirit of the holidays.

Various announcements were made from members.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM. The next meeting of BEST will be January 11, 2018.

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Transportation Committee Report:

Chair: Georgeann Duberstein

What are your committee's recent accomplishments?

1. Attended a presentation by the Lake County Division of Transportation at the Round Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. Subsequently, have invited the LCDOT to give the same presentation to BEST at the February meeting.
2. Attended a presentation "Sustainable Suburban Transportation" at a meeting of Go Green Illinois. The main topic was Shared Mobility which is primarily public transportation agencies working with private transportation services, like Uber to solve the problem of covering the first and last mile. Thus providing riders with opportunities to get to public transportation. I have forwarded the Shared-Use Mobility website with LCCTSC, PACE and Lake County.
3. Attended a presentation "How Senior Can Use Public Transportation," at a meeting hosted by Catholic Charities. I was able to share information on how to find transportation options provided by townships, villages and social service agencies.

What projects are you working on?

- Continue to attend meetings regarding transportation options.

What are your committee's long-term goals?

- To provide information to residents of Lake County and agencies that support them, so that riders are aware of options to use if unable to drive.

Who is on your committee? Are there any openings?

- I have suggested that BESTS members consider attending LCCTSC meetings to learn more about transportation problems and successes in Lake County.

When do you meet and where?

- LCCTSC usually meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Lake County Division of Transportation on Winchester Dr. in Libertyville.

How can BEST Exec or general membership help your committee: additional members, money, promotion,...?

- They should continue to pose questions and problems, so I can pass concerns along whenever possible.