



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

Governor's Home Town Award Winner & Cup Finalist

General Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2017

Jim DiDonato called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM at the Round Lake Area Public Library.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes from May 11, 2017. Wendy made a motion to approve the minutes and Georgeann made a second. All were in favor.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes from June 8, 2017. Wendy made a motion to approve the minutes and Sandra made a second. All were in favor.

Reports from Executive Committees

President – Jim gave a report on the Round Lake Area schools affected by the flooding. Murphy and Ellis Elementary schools were hardest hit but all schools have been affected somewhat. McGee Middle School is currently acting as an emergency shelter.

Vice President – The Vice President continues to work on the transition and is preparing for the 30th anniversary celebration.

Treasurer – Pete Molidor was not in attendance due to a family emergency. No checks were written during the previous months' time period.

Secretary – The secretary reminded the Coalition that she is able to send announcements on behalf of Board members to the group.

Reports from Standing Committees

By-Laws – Georgeann Duberstein has stepped down from the Public Awareness Committee and has accepted the position of Chairwoman for the By-Laws committee.

Membership – Reminder to everyone to submit their applications for membership to the PO Box.

Public Awareness – Paula Rohrs has accepted the position of Chairwoman for the Public Awareness Committee.

Special Projects – Grant applications are due August 31st. Individuals were encouraged to apply.

Reports from Special Committees

Kindergarten Readiness Committee – The Kindergarten Readiness Committee is now meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 PM. The next two meetings will be held at the Early Education Center in Round Lake. The committee will be reviewing scholarship for preschool and finishing the Pop Up Preschool program. Family Focus has joined the committee. Future plans for the committee involve a empowerment program for students and families to start in September 2018 if funding is secured.

Transportation – Georgeann gave an update on the work of the LCCTSC. A link to the transportation information will be send to the Coalition.

Calendar Committee – Jim is seeking a Chair for this committee. Interested persons should contact Jim.

Dementia Friendly Committee – Kathy recently presented at the Chamber of Commerce and a few businesses have shown interest in participating. The next meeting is July 17th, 9:00 AM, at Panera in

Round Lake Beach. Members of the Coalition voiced concerns that the previous meeting held did not have good acoustics and attendees struggled to hear.

New Business

Online Membership Survey available at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemWIZkEYyFE3SkMI2xxVWBZHzaBTgLZ-34DSsx7wUgwQR_cfw/viewform?c=0&w=1

Jim encouraged individuals to attend the Lake Villa Area Community Services Forum at the Lake Villa Library. The next meeting is being held on Wednesday, July 19 at 11:30 AM.

A further discussion on the Round Lake Area Schools flooding damage determined that BEST would assist when asked. Potential areas of help (current and future) included:

- Collecting books and helping to recruit volunteers if needed.
- Round Lake Area Library will be open to the community to seek relief, access technology and provide meeting space.
- Prairie State Legal may be able to assist those affected by the flooding. They will put together a flyer for residents.
- Baird and Warner has a foundation that typically supports housing.
- Oak Hill Senior Living will collect financial donations.
- Northern Illinois Food Bank, United Way, and Lake County Veterans and Family Services Foundation can potentially be sources/coordinators of volunteers.
- Frontline Street Intervention can offer meeting space.
- WIC can register people that became eligible because of the flood.
- Park District can offer space on the weekend.
- Catholic Charities, Find Help Lake County, Lake County Health Department, and the Village of Hainesville can all be information resources for residents.

Discussion Items

The Coalition discussed how the recent state budgets have impacted their organizations, what grants are available, and how we can help each other:

- United Way spoke about the decreasing amount of funds available for grants and the United Way of Illinois Survey results on the state budget.
- Municipalities have been hurt because they are not getting paid and the state is expecting that Municipalities will fill in the gap.
- Mary suggested that individual and major donors are most important to agencies. She gave an overview of planned giving and encouraged everyone to donate to agencies we care about.

Various announcements were made from members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM. The next meeting of BEST will be August 10, 2017.