

BECON

11/16/18

Today was a business meeting of sorts – the various Officer and Committee reports were done with reference to this information contained in the Board Minutes. Several other topics including the trailer donation, members in arrears and internal audit as required by club by-laws were presented, discussed and some (very few) questions answered. This information is also contained and/or attached to the Board Minutes and will also not be regurgitated here except to say that these items have either been addressed, handled, moved forward or are in the works. I don't believe there was any additional pertinent information presented this morning that warrants further reporting in this BECON. Is this because the author was either not interested, day dreaming, preoccupied or too dumb to understand what was being said . . . possibly. In any event, this is what I do remember:

Announcements

- Mr. Steve Pascal has officially moved into the “Life Member” category after being in the club for 24 years and after officially petitioning the Board for such. This means that his dues go down and he only gets assigned to the southeast booth by a Beer Captain I know well. Wait, Steve is our much-needed full-time beer-runner so strike that last statement. You are an asset to this club my friend – congratulations!
- Stacy D. announced that this is the last meeting before the FTC's Festival of Trees celebration in which Wine n Dine raffle tickets are available (1 for \$10 and 3 for \$25 – need not be present to win) that will take place in 2 weeks and that:
 - Dina reminded us of our tree decoration responsibility to the theme of “A Night Fit for a King and Queen.” Ornaments and donations to be accepted and that:
 - Shawneal is still asking for volunteers for the Festival of Trees banquet to help sell raffle tickets, check people in, etc., and that:
 - A drawing was held to field a table of members and their guests at this event with the lucky ones being:
 - Bruce Jensen
 - Ryan Jenkins
 - Dave Staton
 - Eric Hefner
 - Shawneal Krauszer – alternate
- The socks and gloves are piling up in the barrels at the Yellowstone Room (YR) as a result of very generous donations by our very generous members. You should have one more week to donate.
- However, NO BREAKFAST NEXT WEEK. So you can't bring socks and gloves in then because you won't be there. Wait until the following week.
- The Excel clubs (Skyview – 26 young adults) and even Junior Excel clubs (Elder Grove – 22 kids) are flourishing thanks to the hard work by Leif and others.

- Leif also reported that a new Freedom Shrine will be built at McKinley School and our own YR shrine will be given a makeover to brighten things up to go with the new paint scheduled to happen in our breakfast spot.
 - Speaking of “spots” Leif also announced that an “Exchange Fit” concept is being utilized in Laurel(?), which refers to rotating the meeting spot and time to better cater to the availability of its members.
 - And finally, Leif mentioned that the Westend Club is jumping into the Dress A Child effort and will be sponsoring 30 kids.
- Just a notice that the club is on the lookout for the party who purchased a keg through BEC and has not returned said keg (assumed empty). Vee have ways of making you talk . . .
- Wiley announced that the annual Holiday Parade float decoration will take place next Wednesday at 5:30 pm at B&B Tire, and will be decorating to the theme of “Peace on Earth” with apple pie present. Or was it “Apple Pie” with peace on earth present? I forget and so will you after attending this bash.
- And a little on the belated front I’m afraid, a free dental clinic is being conducted today by our own Dr. Thomas and other fine DDSs and hygienists and others for those that need it. 8-4 pm
- And finally, I was asked to mention that corn-beef hash was served up today although the person who dearly loves and requests this apparently (Mr. Koolin) was not present to enjoy it. Oh well, next time . . .

Seems like I was writing the BECON last year right before the BIG game and I selfishly used this pulpit to target, belittle and generally throw a certain university (who shall remain nameless) located on the left side of the state, under the bus. And for that, I do apologize. So this year I’m am not going to mention their heart-wrenching and embarrassing losses the last two years in the BIG game – nope, not going to do it. And I wouldn’t even consider highlighting their three consecutive losses this season for the first time under Bubby’s watch. Nor am I going to wish that they bring out some special black and orange or the old shit brown uni’s for this special event just to have them turned inside out by the old Blue and Gold. No, that would be beneath me. So good luck to both teams. I hope we have an epic battle.