

Rene' opened meeting with a very nice impromptu invocation. This was a business meeting so no guests were in attendance.

A member inventory list was sent around to inquire who was available for running the registers at events or would like additional training. Additional training will be scheduled in the near future.

Chris Kosine was presented a plaque as a thank you for serving on the Board of Directors.

Water bottles are available for those that ordered them for \$11 each. In addition the USS Billings coins are still available for \$20/each.

The club still has 4 tickets available for the Coles Pantry event scheduled for this Sat., Sept 14th. Check with Rene' if you would like them. *Note: Since meeting time, these have been given away.

The Exchange All Club Social is tonight in Laurel at the Healing Field between 5 and 7 with the Social starting at the Laurel Golf Course at 7:00.

Officers Reports:

Secretary's report: Tanya stated the membership standing at 171 with Kelly Cederberg accepted as our newest member. In addition the club received an award patch from National for our Veterans Day at the fair.

Treasure's report: Ed reminded those of paying their dues with Pay Pal to include an additional \$5 to cover the related fees. Other than that everything is status quo with it being a quiet month.

President Elect: Dina stated there are 5 events in Oct. for scheduling with the scheduling closing Sept. 30th.

Business Manager: Mike stated year to date we are at approximately \$173,000 including the fair with our next events in October.

Social committee: Tanner stated the Pub Crawl is scheduled for Nov. 2nd and to save the date for Jan 18th for the club Christmas/Holiday party.

Membership committee: New member orientation is scheduled for Oct. 10th at the Yellowstone room. Tentative time of 6:00.

Patriotism committee: Chili Cook-Off scheduled for Nov. 9th at the American Legion. No entry fee to enter your chili into the cookoff. Attendees cost is \$10 with the proceeds going to the Veterans Meat Locker.

Dress a Child committee: Tentative date of Dec. 14th at 7am at the Heights Walmart. The Board approved an increase from \$100 per child to \$125 since we no longer receive a discount at Walmart vs previously at K-Mart. We will again dress 70 children.

Outreach committee: The United Way school supply drive was a success.

Old Business: The Deceased Member Plaque has been approved by the Metra and will be installed in the Yellowstone room.

New Business: Tough Enough to wear pink night at the Nile tips jar of a 1,000 will be donated to the Eva project. Proceeds used for free mammograms.

Freedom Shrines: This year's Freedom Shrines have not been finalized. Lockwood School is on the horizon for 2020. Our older plaques from the Yellowstone room have been updated and offered to the Westend Club to be used at the new Elder Grove School.

National Day of Service is Oct. 26th. The club will work with the Junior Excel Club for Highway cleanup.

Tumbleweed Gala is scheduled for Oct 19th at the Northern Hotel. The board approved a \$1500 donation.

Tip jar signage will be updated to state funds are donated to the community.

Billings Family Service benefit will be sponsored in the amount of \$1750 and is scheduled for Oct. 12th at the Northern Hotel.

The Board approved the renewal of our Chamber membership.

A thank you to Gary Jensen for checking out our projector. It was found the cord had been cut. A new cord will be ordered at a cost of \$55.

Discussion by the Board in regard to granting/sponsorship limits. The determination was made by the Board the \$7500 per year limit will be per non-profit, not per program of the non-profit. An example would be if we sponsor a table at an event that amount comes out of the amount for the year, not in addition to the \$7500.

Have a great weekend everyone!
It's Friday the 13th & a full moon, stay safe!