

# BECON

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This was a business meeting this morning, so no guests were present that were not family members.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A message from Steve Linder:

Steve has asked to pass on information about how to donate to stop Sarcoidosis. Please take a moment and check out the link. <https://www.stopsarcoidosis.org/donate/>.

It turned out that National was only delaying the dues to National instead of waiving them for the fourth quarter. The club is going to pay them from the membership account.

Rene and Dina will be meeting with Mike to see the location for us to move the contents of the Yellowstone room into. They will have more info soon for us. Just a reminder, we will need volunteers to help move everything from the Yellowstone room to the new location.

Since we are on the topic of moving the contents of the Yellowstone room, the liquor license is also something that will need to find another home. We have a year to relocate our liquor license. The address can not be affiliated with a location that already has a liquor license.

The club does not have a new contract as of yet. This is because of the current covid situation. The board has hopes that the contract signing will be soon.

The Book of Golden Deeds was supposed to be bestowed during the first meeting of May. This has been delayed until we a meeting in person. Also the Freedom Shrine at McKinley Elementary School will delayed until next school year.

Rene announced that the Food Truck Battle is not canceled as of yet, but she fears that it may come to that.

Nationals has not set the date for new elected officials to be turned in as of yet, so we are going to delay hopefully until we can meet in person. If something changes and we have to vote by absentee, then we will do so. That being said, nominations are still open if you would like to nominate someone for a position, please contact Rene or Dina.

Today's guest speaker was our very own Stacy Dreesen. Due to technical difficulties with a two year old, I was not able to listen much to Stacy, so I am copy and pasting the information that she spoke about.

Hello! I basically talked about the fact that we are essential because we are human services. I talked about how we are serving families remotely. I gave examples of how we were serving our home visiting families, respite families, nurturing parenting classes and Montana women's prison. I talked about how families are more isolated and at risk right now. I talked about Dr. Perry's speech yesterday (you can view that online). I talked about the 6 protective factors and how we have been working with families to help instill/support protective factors during this time. Nurturing and attachment, parental resilience, social connections, concrete support in time of need, knowledge of parenting and child development, & social and emotional competence of children.

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Moving the  
Yellowstone room

## Upcoming Club Events



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I also talked about child abuse prevention month. I encouraged people to blow up social media with posts about child abuse prevention month. I talked about blue Mondays, pinwheel displays, purchasing pinwheels, lapel pins and yard signs. I encouraged people to send me pictures so I can post them on the Family Tree Center and that prevent child abuse Montana Facebook pages. I encouraged people to go to both of those pages and like and share information. I also talked about how we have information for families about COVID-19 and also child abuse prevention month on both Facebook pages. I talked about the fact that FTC staff are working remotely and we have a phone that parents and caregivers can call anytime they need to contact someone. We are working with current families and are also taking calls for other families in the community. I talked about how exchange club members can help support Families. They can check in on Families. They can call the child abuse hotline if they are concerned. They can refer Families to family tree if they need to talk to someone.

I also talked about the fact that the ceremony at the courthouse will be virtual. We will have the pinwheel display up at the courthouse. We have speakers that are recording speeches and we will put them on our Facebook page. We also have our club display on the fence at the Metra. I asked for help if anyone has ideas to add to the display.

Here is the link for Dr. Bruce Perry's speech:

<https://vimeo.com/408667033>

Hope you had a good weekend and we will virtually see you next Friday!

