

BECON

11/12/2021

This morning the meeting was back in the Metra Café. Dave Staton gave a very inspiring and eye opening prayer prior to breakfast and made sure everyone remembered that it was the Marine's birthday Wednesday as well as Veterans Day yesterday, so from the BECON committee, I would like to thank all of our Veterans for their past service as well as continued service!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- -Dina sent a thank you out to the Americanism committee for a great job at the Chili Cook-off. She also wanted to thank everyone that was able to attend the event.
- -The Festival of Trees "Tree Decorating" party will be Tuesday, November 30th at 5PM at the Pavilion. We are still looking for travel size toiletry items, \$5 gift cards to places students will go to, socks etc. for the tree.
- -Next week breakfast will be in the West Side of the Metra where we met during Covid after the Yellowstone Room was demolished. There will be no breakfast the Friday after Thanksgiving.
- -We are still collecting food for the Veterans Day Food Drive. The last day for donating is the 15th. If you would like to donate money, let Dina know, she is accepting Venmo.
- -Stacy sent out a letter of thank you to the club for the Pinwheel donation.
- -Tomorrow is the final day for Dress a Child. Show up is at 7am at the Heights Walmart.
- -Super Cross is tomorrow, Bruce Jensen is the beer captain. Next Friday is Manheim Steamroller.

Business Manager Report: Mike reported that last month the club grossed \$48,616 which brings our yearly total to \$232,735 gross profit. Upcoming we have the following:

December	MMA and Chase Hawks
January	Fluffy
February	Dirks Bentley
March	Jeff Dunn
April	PBR and a concert yet to be named.

Treasurers Report: Ed reported that a loose budget has been put together. Since everything is still in limbo, the budget committee and board felt it best to just have a basic plan with which to go off of. Ed also announced that we should be able to grant at the end of the second quarter.

Secretary Report: Shannon snuck out before BG could have her do her report; somehow the meeting got a little sidetracked (see below for the gory details). However, she put a very trustworthy spokesperson in charge of her notes. She is requesting information for the newsletter. She would like information on what the club has done in the distant past. Anything will do: pictures, newspaper articles or just wise wise individuals passing on their knowledge.

President Elect Report: Gavin reminded everyone about the Super cross event, Manheim and Dress a Child. That was about it.

Presidents Report: Bruce let everyone know that the club has been dishing out some serious money lately. We have given \$7,000 to Dress a Child, we are a sponsor for the Family Tree Gala coming up including a table sponsor. The board will have first opportunity at attending and then the membership at a first come first serve basis. We will also be moving forward with Student of the Month for Central High which will run roughly \$3400.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Manheim Steamroller

Grateful Giving

Upcoming Club Events



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Now for the good stuff:

First off, Bruce Glennie and the board would like to remind the club members that our contract renewal is fast approaching and that please do not take to social media against the county commissioners. As stated above, we have still raised almost ¼ of a million dollars this year for charities and we do not want to endanger this revenue stream.

For anyone that has not heard, there is sentiment with the county commissioners to privatize the Metra. What this would do for our club as well as the rest of the community is up for much speculation as well it should be. Earlier this week, several members of our club attended a community meeting and gave a report that the reception of the idea is not that good by those that attended. Dave Staton commented this morning that it seemed to be a meeting of utter childishness, with many people being petty.

Below are two articles from the Billings Gazette regarding the privatization, one about the meeting and one letter to the editor.

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/going-private-at-metrapark-gets-some-push-back-during-commission-meeting/article_be6e43e0-f9c1-503c-adc5-619531c298fd.html

https://billingsgazette.com/opinion/letters/letter-to-the-editor-metra-privatization-plan-lacks-transparency/article_7ce8e81f-fdea-5f5f-81c9-a8ea2dfd2b7e.html

The last order of business today was a discussion about the “Distinguished Member” clause in our bylaws and how to move forward with this concept for members that have been in the club for an extended period of time and maybe cannot fulfill the beer pouring duties in a manner they once did. The board is looking for ideas as to how we can come up with a simple concept and move forward with it. If you have any ideas, please contact Bruce or another member of the board and pitch your idea.

