

BECON
3/18/22

We were at our new location this morning for breakfast at the American Legion. And while there was still NO BACON for breakfast, we had an eventful morning. Ray Massey and Bill Dutcher are our guests this morning.

Announcements

- Stacy announced that April is Child Abuse Prevention month. She has polo shirts for \$10, Pinwheels for \$1, Pins for \$5, and yard signs for \$20. This is the 21st Pinwheel Awards ceremony this year. Please wear blue every monday to show your support. Take pictures and post them and tag the BEC. There is an all club social coming, PBR on the 30th, pinwheel hand out, ACE workshop on the 25th from 8-12. See Stacy if you want the swag.
- Start considering if you would like to run for a position within the club for the Foundation Board member (1 position) or Member of the Board (3 positions), or the coveted President Elect role coming in hot behind Cavin.
- Wiley announced another social event scheduled for a gathering at the 406 on March 19th, 2022, from 2-5pm.

Speakers

Ray Massey was our speaker this morning. He wanted to say thanks for the BEC's support. BEC is the lifeblood of the Metra and there were some bad decisions outside of their control. He reflected about how he will miss Mike Fleming's Friday morning visits to his office.

On March 2, 2022, Ray submitted his resignation to the Metra. He was asked to leave the building early on March 6, 2022. Ray discussed the process that it takes to get acts/shows to come to the Metra. He feels that 2 of our 3 commissioners do not understand that process at all. However, on March 2, he decided that he would find another day to fight.

-Over \$10M in revenue was collected for the previous year, and that was record breaking. He discussed OVG and ASM-two groups for them to decide between as far as management companies. It cost \$250k/yr for OVG to manage the Metra.

-He discussed the new GM for the Metra, Brad Murphy, and the events leading up to his acceptance of the position, and the pay cut he took to come. (\$30-40k)

-It seemed that there was someone already in mind when this was being considered. Goodridge ended up taking Bill's position, even though Brad said it was his dream role. When the letter went out for Bill's job, Brad didn't even pitch for the role. Something didn't add up. Then on November 2, you know what happened.

-“What it takes to run the Metra is a strong GM, a governing board, with a 30,000 foot view and to stay out of enterprise level things.”-Bill Kennedy, prior County Commissioner

Have a great weekend!