

B.E.C.O.N  
May 13, 2022

**Happy Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>! May you have good fortune rather than bad luck 😊**

Guests:

Well of course there weren't any because it was a business meeting, but we had honorable mention for our distinguished Kent Koolen, who was in attendance.

**Volunteer for events:** we've bitched about not having booths in the Metra, yet we can't get people to work the events to cover the booths we do have.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY CAVIN – THIS SUNDAY!!! GIVE HIM THE GIFT OF SIGNING UP FOR EVENTS. 😊**

**NEW SHOW UP TIME SATURDAY – BE THERE AT 5:00 INSTEAD OF 5:30.**

Check the website for the various events and while you're there mark your availability.

Sign up for committees and consider chairing one.

**PLEASE COME TO THE DISTRICT CONVENTION JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> AND 11<sup>TH</sup>. SINCE IT'S IN BILLINGS WE NEED TO HAVE A GREAT TURN OUT.**

The events in April raised ~ \$79,000. Year-to-date we have raised ~ \$379,000.

Bill Dutcher has a guest opinion in the Billings Gazette, which many encouraged everyone to read.

Shannon said that we are now at 130 with the new member Bryce Glen. Welcome Bryce.

Kevin listed the various grants that the grants committee are proposing = \$14,500 [Family Promise's diaper program, St. Vincent De Paul's new vehicle and Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming to fund a STEM learning center.

There was discussion about the Food Truck Battle Committee should recommend to the Grants Committee who should get the FTB funds and the Grants Committee would approve. That would prevent duplication of funding.

Going forward 10% of the funds from other events will go to the foundation, per the bylaws.

**Mark your calendars for 7/22 – Bejot Open.** Signups will start the first part of June.

The Membership Committee will have New Member Orientation will be June 16<sup>th</sup> @ American Legion. There will be a Social Happy Hour on 6/17.

**Please consider being a sponsor for this year's Food Truck Battle on the Yellowstone. The sponsorship information and form is attached with this.**

Food Truck Battle funds have gone to create a Veterans Matter program across Montana. A representative from Veterans Matter will be at the district convention discussing the benefits that this organization brings to our local Veterans community. THANKS TO ALL THOSE ON THE COMMITTEE AND WHO HAVE WORKED THE FOOD TRUCK BATTLE TO HELP RAISE THE MONEY FOR SUCH A GREAT CAUSE.

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Leif spoke about why he has a passion for growing Exchange and what all Exchange gives back to communities across the country, which is why he's running for National President Elect. Mark your calendars for a networking event at 5:30 on 5/19 & 5/31 at the Bar MT (next to The Depot).