

BECON 10.14.22

Good morning my fellow Exchangites!! *May the cool crisp morning air be sharper than the new iPhone's advanced quad pixel sensor. Here's to my second favorite F word - FALL!*

*This morning's breakfast was brought to you by Maria at the American Legion, complete with croissant, **bacon** egg and cheese sandwiches, blueberry oatmeal, and hash browns. Maria will be leaving out breakfast to-go boxes for those who want to take home any food that is remaining after breakfast. The club is paying for the food, so let's not let it go to waste!*

This was a business meeting so there were no guests today. Please see the attached Board meeting minutes for much of what was discussed this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*Cavin kicked the meeting off with **announcements** before releasing the hounds to breakfast. And here they are:*

-Jerry Voto asked for someone to fill his shift as he is experiencing some back troubles and won't be able to stand. (I believe someone offered to help, but cannot confirm).

-Dina had the breakfast participants vote on a theme for the christmas tree that the club will sponsor for Festival of Trees this year. The Board voted that we have a \$300 budget on a tree, so please reach out to Dina if you would like to donate any themed items. The theme that received the most votes was "Under the City Lights" which I understand will be a Billings themed tree.

-Bill Kennedy announced a Veteran's Day memorial service being held at 10am on November 11, 2022. The captain of the USS Billings will be speaking to honor our Veterans. Please reach out to Bill Kennedy for location as it wasn't clear by the typing of this message.

-Grants committee will be meeting at Tiny's Tavern on November 1, 2022, to review another set of grant applications. If you are part of that committee, be there or be square.

*-The new shirts for BEC are **KELLY GREEN** and will be here in the next week or two. So if you ordered extra, please be prepared to pay the piper (Craig) as well as pick up shirts. We wanted to make this a uniform thing, so we went to ONE color for our future events. Being of Irish descent, I can't say that I'm disappointed...(*slow grin*)*

-Mike Fleming, our esteemed and illustrious Business Manager let us know that our booth remodel in the Metra should be done by next Thursday. They've only missed their original mark by a week. It will be just in time for more Rodeo events.

-The Social Committee is organizing a pub crawl on October 28th, that will start at Craft Local. It is a walking pub crawl (better than a crawling pub walk!) and it will be \$10/person. Dress up, be merry (unless you wish to dress up and be Mary), and get to know a few folks in the club you

may not have met before. More details are in the Board meeting minutes...take a look! There is a sign up, so **let Tanner Critelli know if you are coming and if you are bringing a +1.**

-Tony Parish/Leif Welhaven will be honored for their accomplishments within Exchange on November 11, 2022. Hosted by the BEC Board and Social Committee, this event will be held at the American Legion, and we want to have EVERYONE come. 5-8pm (again, check the minutes for more information)

We now interrupt this program to serve breakfast to the membership...

Once we filled our bellies, the meeting continued with our business updates from the Board meeting this week. Again, those notes are attached and you can read through those at your leisure.

-Secretary's report was spontaneously adjusted live at breakfast with the breaking news that Alexander Clark was stepping down to become a social member of the club as he is now the President of the Networking Exchange Club. So our official membership went to 124.

-The RFP for MSUB is going to be submitted today. The details are outlined in the Board meeting minutes, so again, check those out at your leisure. Since we seem to be the only interested party, they have made adjustments that we've tailored to our own specifications and they've been amenable to them, so we will be giving this a whirl for 1 year.

Disclaimer:

****For those skeptics out there...the concern is understood about how this may not be a huge money-making endeavor, however, we ALL should be looking for ways to secure fundraising efforts if the possibility of our future at Metra is not solid. So please understand that this is investigatory at this stage and we are taking a year to give this a try and see if it could turn into a lucrative way to continue to fundraise. My hat's off to Cavin and everyone who spent copious amounts of time writing this RFP and working with the other clubs to help make this work to protect the future of the club.****

WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT:

Next week's speaker is Realtor Bob Leach who will talk about the current housing market and information that affects our local economy.

Next next week's speaker will be Bob Dayton who is actively involved in searching for POWs in Laos. (Wow!)

--FALLelujah!!