

HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY TO ALL OUR VETERANS!! WE HONOR YOU TODAY FOR YOUR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE.



Today was a business meeting so there were no guests.

Announcements:

-We took a vote from the membership this morning on what day we should hold our Christmas Party/Meeting. The vote was on either 12/16 or 12/23. The membership voted twice. There was a lot of hubbub. Chaos ensued. Insults were tossed. By the end, the membership consistently voted to hold this meeting on **12/16/22**. So plan to attend, party, drink and be MERRY!!

-A **Veteran's Day celebration** is being held THIS MORNING at Lockwoods Performing Arts Center. The band/orchestra starts at 9:30am, and the celebration begins promptly at 10am. The total service will last about 1:15 min.

-**Wreaths Across America** will be at all ACE Stores tomorrow morning from 9am-1pm. All wreaths that are sold will go on graves at the National Cemetery. There are 1,450 graves so each will need a wreath. Recruit your friends and family, dig deep into your pockets and let's try and get all 1,450 sold. The wreaths are \$15 each.

-Bill Kennedy announced that the **Festival of Trees** is still looking for volunteers. Bill needs 2 volunteers that are comfortable working on a computer and taking/counting money. He has two bankers, and needs two more.

Dina announced that this friday and next friday are the LAST two days to get her your cash or decorations/Billings appropriate gifts to put under the tree. She sent the link out multiple times for how to sign up to volunteer. She also needs a few folks to take money at the door and do raffle. She also asked if anyone would be willing to be an Elf, if you like to hobnob with children, this might be the perfect volunteer gig for you. Visions of Buddy the Elf are stirring...(Tarra, who seems the obvious choice here, declined in spite of the goading and urging of her peers)

-The **Social Committee** is hosting an event for Tony and Leif tonight, 11/11/22 at the American Legion from 5-8pm. There will be drinks, refreshments, apps, snacks, etc. At 6pm Cavin will give a toast and say a few words for the two leaders from our club who are doing great things at a regional and national level. Come out and celebrate with them

Dina was also awarded her Immediate Past-President plaque today, as she was not at breakfast when the awards initially were given. Dina thanks for your service to our club!

Our exceptional and honored Veteran's led us to breakfast this morning. And even though they didn't get bacon again (sad panda face), the breakfast was shared and enjoyed by all. Thanks to Maria and her crew for all you do to cook us this delicious food!

****In general, please read the minutes from the Board meeting. They are attached to this email again. As are the list of grants that were awarded from the Grants Committee and FTB Committee. The rest of the notes below are the additions or commentary discussed on what you will find in the minutes.****

-Mike Fleming reported this morning in addition to what was in the minutes, that there may be a rock concert coming in February that would be good for the club. He didn't divulge who that might be, and the term 'rock' is loosely interpreted anymore, so it's a grab bag of fun. Clear your calendars and be prepared to serve! Also, he received the football schedule, so we will be serving at the Outlaw events again. Our newly renovated booth is working well.

-Cavin updated us on the update for the **MSUB RFP**. By the time the minutes were sent out, we did not know anything on whether we were awarded the RFP. After I clicked send, MSUB reached out to let us know that we were awarded the gig. Cavin shared that our intent was to have the other clubs carry a lot of the labor to afford them some money making opportunities and to work together collectively. Here are some of the discussion points made:

-Dave Staton wanted clarification on why, if we found a new money maker for the club, did we turn it over to the other clubs? Answer: The BEC takes a percentage at all times off the top for any sales that are earned. MSUB gets a smaller percentage, and the remaining amount is divvied up between the different clubs according to the amount of people they staff for each event.

-Darryl asked about who will be in charge of the scheduling for the other clubs. Would Craig be responsible for that too? Answer: Tony shared that the idea was that each

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take a month at a time and would be responsible for the scheduling and communicating to their own memberships to cover their month. This would be on a rotation. So this takes a lot of the labor for scheduling off the BEC.

-Leif shared that by the launch of the Special and Capable club, there will be between 30-40 members. Please read the minutes for the rest of the information that Leif shared.

-Tony will need help decorating for the Christmas party meeting the night before, so on 12/15/22, if you are available, Tony will be asking for volunteers to set up.

-As a sponsor for the Chase Hawks event, we will be given VIP tickets again. Those tickets will be awarded in a drawing we will do at breakfast. If you would like to attend, please come to breakfast and let Cavin know you would like to be in the drawing.

-Next week at breakfast we will be drawing for those who would like to sit at the BEC table for the sponsorship of the Family Tree at the Festival of Trees Gala on 12/1/22.

-Brynn Schwartz got up to give a suggestion about the stanchions at the Metra. (For those that don't know, those are the posts with the strips that pull out to create our 'lanes' for people to line up in to get beer) His suggestion was to purchase (or have Metra purchase) stanchions that are labeled with the Exchange logo, so people know what line to get in. Many are confused between the alcohol line and the beer line. Wiley added that he helped out the other night, and just merely informed the patrons that we give all money back into the community and he saw around 60 people convert from hard alcohol to beer due to the information. Perhaps we need to staff someone as a line educator before they get to the wrist band ID checkers.

Cheers,
Shannon Johnson