

BECON

December 15, 2023

Friday was our end-of-year breakfast with prime rib and libations. A huge **THANK YOU** to **Ben Keysor, Bryce Glen, and Rob Romsa** for hosting this breakfast! Prime rib and special beverages are a great way to start the day.

Other than food and drink, we had some drawings for door prizes and the winners were:

Ashley Dubbs - Pendleton (donated by Tony Parish) & glasses (donated by Steve Staebler)

Teal Kaufman - Pendleton (donated by Tony Parish) & glasses (donated by Steve Staebler)

Mike Hennessey - Jacket (donated by Cavin Noddings)

Craig Burke - Cooler (donated by Cavin Noddings)

Chuck Rutherford - XC water bottles and gift card for growler fill at Hooligans

Brett Arnold - golf hat, ball & towel (donated by Tony Parish)

Shawnee Krauszer - gift basket with wine, food stuff, and other goodies (donated by Nicole Croaker)

Gift Card Winners:

Brett Foster

Mike Fleming

Kim Lewis

Jerry Voto

Steve Staebler

René Critelli

(gift cards from Brew Pub were donated by BEC and other gift cards were donated by Tony and Amber Parish)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The BEC Christmas party is scheduled for January 13, 2024, at the Red Door. Festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. The sign-up sheet went around on Friday and 55 attendees are already signed up. Stay tuned for more details from the social committee.

Bill Kennedy announced that wreaths were to be placed on graves at the National Cemetery on Saturday, Dec 16, at 10:00 a.m. and invited volunteers to attend and help out.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Jan 11 - MSU-B Basketball

Jan 20 - Bryan Adams

Jan 27 - Parker McCollum

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Upcoming Club Events

Jan 13 - Christmas Party



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BUSINESS MEETING:

There was no speaker as today was a business meeting.

A thank-you card from Salvation Army was passed around for BEC's involvement in Dress A Child.

Tony led the meeting today and invited the officers to the podium to deliver their reports (and draw winners for gift cards). The board meeting minutes have not yet been distributed, but the verbal reports are as follows:

Secretary Report:

Shannon was not present, so Tony delivered her report. We have one new member, Brett Arnold, who was in attendance today. Welcome Brett! Membership now stands at 127. Membership growth is at .8% YTD and at 94% retention.

Treasurer Report:

First, Happy [belated] Birthday to Ed! We all serenaded him in song to make his day brighter. Ed reports that it has been a slow quarter and there is not a lot to grant. The money market account is doing great and earning approximately \$350/mo interest. Pay your dues by the end of the quarter if you have not already.

Business Manager Report:

Mike reluctantly made his way to the podium. He reports that we're slow, but we're going to get better; and we had some money, but it has been spent. He also reported that we earned \$700 at the last MSU-B basketball game.

President-Elect Report:

Dina was not present, and Tony also delivered her report. Chase Hawks is scheduled for 12/23 and scheduling is now closed.

District Convention will take place in Billings in 2024 and speakers are needed. Contact Dina if you have any suggestions.

Committee Reports

Stephanie Romsa reported that the Senior Lights Tour was a success. Two buses transported 100 seniors around Billings and to the Zoo to look at Christmas lights. The Zoo graciously allowed free entrance for our group. The seniors really enjoyed it and, hopefully, we will have more buses next year.

Unfinished Business

Metra signage
By-Laws review
Updates to Legion

Al Jones announced that the program next week will be Community Leadership Development.

Last, but not least, SPOTTED at breakfast were Larry and Terra sporting their Griz and Bison gear in anticipation for the game on Saturday. It was a nail-biter for sure. Congrats to the Griz on the big win!

