

B.E.C.O.N  
March 15, 2024

Breakfast was potato patties, bacon or sausage and cheesy eggs.

Thanks to Bill Kennedy for a nice Irish prayer.

Although this was supposed to be a business meeting, that was changed due to the Salvation Army representative coming to speak. Unfortunately, that person was not able to make it, so it ended up being a business/guest meeting.

Guests:

Mike Maryott from the Metra Advisory Board is here to check out how things work with us.

Jordan, Deigo, Tyler, Alfraido with MSUB Capa Sigma are looking for more volunteer hours. They are interested in helping us with whatever we need. Tony discussed how the collegiate Excel Club works, but they need an advisor so that is challenging. For now, though, Jordan is our connection to the college.

Announcements:

Bill Kennedy: April is Child Abuse prevention month. They will be setting up pin wheels at the Court House April 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 and noon will be the proclamation.

On April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Family Tree Center, they are having a reception and awards ceremony.

Shannon: There is a membership drive every month for the next 4 months since we need to increase our membership. The district is sponsoring a Pint Night on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Meadowlark. May will be at The Den and in June it will be at Tiny's.

Dina: Gave a plug for May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> District convention. Get the code to the Speakeasy when you register. Check your email that Dina has sent to register.

Craig has a big stack of patches to add to our accomplishments. Thanks to Shannon and Tony for putting the time in to get this reported to National so we can get these patches.

The Club gave a \$1,500 donation to the Foundation.

Bruce gave a big thanks to everyone for working the event the Wednesday night. Those who just showed to work were really appreciated.

Lynn from Eagle Mount will be our speaker next week.

Craig said we will have nominations for board positions for the next 3 weeks. The votes will be at the next business meeting.

Nominations:

President elect – Dave Statton nominated Shawnee Krauszer, and she accepted the nomination.

Secretary – Bruce nominated Shannon and she accepted.

Board positions – Wade nominated Jesse McKee and he accepted.

Foundation Board – 2 positions open – Dave Statton nominated Bill Kennedy and he accepted.

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Shawnee – Thanks everyone for the support last night for Amber Parish. It was an awesome fundraiser.

Tony – Please see the March Madness bracket on the District FaceBook page. Half will go to the foundation and the other will be distributed to the winners.

Tony – heartfelt THANKS for the support to Amber and the family.

President of Metra Park Advisory Board – over the past couple years they have had a poor relationship with the County Commissioners, and they've pretty much been running the place on their own. They want to keep the relationship with this group moving forward.

Maria said that Softball is getting started and she needs servers 2pm – 5pm at the fields. Get a hold of Maria via email.

Okay so now the modified business meeting:

Please see the notes that Shannon sent via email.

Shannon – membership is at 122 after Shawn Perry and Kellie Joki resigned. Since membership has dropped, we need to have a drive to bring membership before the end of the fiscal reporting period. We have a 3.2% reduction in membership.

Treasurer – cash is short, so we need to keep working away. If you are behind on dues, please pay up.

President elect – all the events through July are on the website.

The concert was great with about 8,000 in attendance.

Increase in dues will go out via an email vote, which will go out sometime next week. The increase will be applied to next quarter.

How do we recognize members who have passed away? Craig asked the club for ideas. Thought was we have very creative people in our club and are open for ideas. Tony – on the website can we have something where we can recognize them there. Bill suggested a memorial wall in the beer stand at the Metra.

The suggestion that the FTB money to be used for Erin the speaker for District. Approved by the board, after a stalemate at the Grants Committee, they agreed to use up to \$5,000 for this cause.

Exchange member of the year – Kevin will be internally. There is another member who will be recognized at the District Convention.

Highway cleanup is in April, and we have our name on the area by the airport road. We've reached out to Special and Capable club to do that.

Thanks, and congratulations to Tony for running for District 2 VP.