

B.E.C.O.N .  
December 13, 2024

A HUGE SHOUT OUT TO TONY FOR COVERING THE BECON LAST WEEK!!! THANKS!! Dina sent a note with that BECON that the universe wasn't being kind to us. I gave a quick update that I had been dealing with a ruptured appendix and we unexpectedly lost Rob's Uncle, who he was very close to. With that being said, so for the delay in this week's BECON also. I'm trying to catch up on Christmas shopping for the grandkids who live out of state.

Business meeting the minutes and financial statements were on the table for all to see.

Secretary, Shannon: Membership is at 117, but one new member voted in so now at 118. We welcome Kyle Johnson sponsored by Greg Waring.

Mike: nothing new at Metra. YTD gross sales are at \$230,648. We've got Chase Hawks , Fusion Fights League, Harlem Globetrotters and Monster Trucks coming up. Several on the Rserveing that need to GET 'ER DONE!!!

FTB grants have been sent to Rene for review.

Holiday party is set for January 11, 2025 at 5:30 at the Elk's Club. The theme is Denim and Diamonds. Music & dinner. After dinner will be dance lesson and should be supper fun.

New business – 5K Run/Guns and hoses BPD vs. Fire Dept. – see the minutes for details. Nothing was decided yet. They would like us to come up with some ideas to help with this and raise some money. This event is in August.

The 12/27 meeting is cancelled due to holidays. So, our year-end meeting is 12/20 will be our holiday breakfast of Mexican Tacos.

Prayer – Bill Kennedy – a nice prayer for the Veterans, as the Wreaths Across

Announcements;

10 am Saturday Wreaths across America. All 1500 will be covered.

Thanks for all who attended, helped, volunteers, etc. for the Festival of trees, had a \$220k gross. Gala was attended by 460 people. Scholarships for the respite program brought in \$20k for free childcare. Grant for \$1,500 for 100 families for passes for the carnival and viewing of the trees. Darryl helped with wine and the BEC tree up and sold for \$1,200. Mike Songer helped with security of the trees. Thanks to those who helped pour beer. Thanks to Craig for help with unloading.

Dave's son had a tumor removed and thank God it was not cancerous and he is currently 15 months cancer free.

Craig does have more green shirts, so any new member needing a shirt can get them at the Metra.

Upcoming meetings:

12/20: Nikki Schaubel with Billings Mediation Center

12/27 – No meeting – Happy Holidays

1/3/2025 – Hunter Jones with Montana Soldier Support