

Here is the BECON for December 12th, 2025

Today was a business meeting so we had no guests. And we also did not have many members either. We counted 21 total. The low number is understandable since there was about 8" of snow on the ground when breakfast started and it was still falling. Maybe we will have a White Christmas. But, it will probably all melt before then.

I have attached the minutes from the last board meeting to this email. I won't go into all of the details since Tanya does such a nice job of putting the minutes together.

Announcements:

IMPORTANT NOTICE!! We will have the Christmas Breakfast next Friday (12/19). Maria will have something nice for us. I heard Steak and Eggs a couple of times. There will be mimosas, bloody marys (I suppose), and other drinks available. Shawnee said no guests are to be invited.

There will be no breakfast on 12/26.

Wreaths across America is tomorrow (12/13) at 10 am. Bill Kennedy said there would be about 1600 wreaths that need to be laid out at the National Veterans Cemetery in Laurel. The ceremony starts at 10 and then they will lay out the wreaths.

The Festival of Trees went well according to Bill. It was well attended throughout the weekend. Bill estimates that they grossed around \$250K. Nice event.

Shawnee mentioned the Off the Streets, Christmas Giving Drive that she is collecting money and items for. I attached the flyer that she has sent out a couple of times. If you want to contribute any of the items that are on the flyer please purchase new items. Don't just clean out your sock drawer.

Dog Tag Buddies is having an open house on Thursday, December 18th from 3-6pm. The location is 924 Pine Ridge Lane #4.

One of the bigger announcements today is that all beer prices will be \$8 each. So we will only have one price point and the Metra will get the original contract percentage; nothing additional.

Shannon is working on having group R-Serving training sessions. This will be in person and will be available in lieu of the on-line training. More to come on that.

The big winner of the drawing was Bob Dalrymple. I think he wins every other week.

Be safe if you are traveling to the Cat or Griz game this weekend.