



# Breakfast Exchange Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2018 – 5:45 P.M.  
Yellowstone Room

## **Members in Attendance**

Tony Parish, *President*; Cory Hasiak, *President-Elect*; Mike Fleming, *Business Manager*; Ed Kaufman, *Treasurer*; Dina Harmon, *Secretary*  
*Directors*: John Wilson, Don Lohrenz, John Eastman, Rene Critelli and Mel Reinhardt

## **Members Absent**

Chris Kosine and Cory Moore, *Past President*

## **Guests in Attendance**

Kevin Davis, Grants Committee Co-Chair; Jasmine Dalrymple with sponsor Bob Dalrymple

## **I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

### **A. Pledge of Allegiance.**

### **B. January 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from January meeting were presented for approval. It was motioned by Ed Kaufman and seconded by John Wilson to approve minutes as written. Motion passed.

### **C. Potential New Member Interviews**

Jasmine Dalrymple with sponsor Bob Dalrymple came before the board for membership. It was motioned by Rene and seconded by Ed to accept Jasmine into the club upon receiving full payment. Motion passed.

## **II. OFFICER REPORTS**

### **Secretary's Report:**

Secretary Dina Harmon reported membership as standing at 173.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Ed Kaufman submitted the financial reports to the board for review. Accounts are in good standing. Not many checks have been written from any of the accounts.

### **President Elect's Report:**

Cory H. reported we have Monster Trucks, MATE Show and Wise Wonders service opportunity in February. No events after that until April.

**Business Manager Report:**

In April, we will have Rod Stewart, PBR, and River Dance. Chris Stapleton almost sold out already. Another concert is to be announced within next few weeks. Ticket sales for Rod Stewart are at about 6,500. Bob Seger still up in the air.

Three members need to get their R-serving done.

Some beer booth remodeling to be done while things are slow. North East corner booth that is currently bottle/can only booth to have taps added.

**III. Committee Reports**

**Food Truck Wars** – Rene reported there are approximately 3,900 people who have said they are interested on Facebook event and another 200 who have said they are going. Eleven food trucks have signed contract committing to event. Food trucks from other areas such as Wyoming have also expressed interest. Three bands have been booked and the sound people have been booked. Leif Welhaven has agreed to Emcee the event. Once the weather improves, Rene will meet with Metra staff to get the layout of the event lined out.

**House Committee** – John Eastman would like to see something sent to Gazette to recognize new members accepted into the club. He also asked a press release be sent to the Gazette announcing the grants that have been awarded for this quarter and last quarter. John also asked the Board for their blessing to move forward with a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration to commemorate the club's contract with the Metra to sell beer. John E, Dina, and Darrell from the House Committee will work with Mike on getting that going.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Elections**

Tony asked that Board Members visit with club members who might be interested in running for a board position. Nominations to begin Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**C. By-Laws**

Dina reported the By-Laws are complete and ready for membership to approve. First draft of the clubs policies and procedures are ready for the committee to work on.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Grants Committee Recommendations**

Kevin reviewed the grant requests with the board and gave the Grants Committee's recommendations. Total of the Grants Committee's recommendations is \$15,500. Recommendations attached for your review. Don motioned to accept the Grants Committee's recommendations. Rene seconded. Motion passed.

**B. Other**

The Boys and Girls Club requested we sponsor a table at their Be Great Ball fundraiser. It was determined doing a sponsorship would put us over our sponsorship budget.

John E. brought up the Veterans Day at the Fair isn't drawing in a lot of Veterans or having an impact. The Board decided the Patriotism Committee will look into some different ideas to revamp it.

The Board has received many concerns that the holiday party is not getting a good turn out considering the large amount of money spent on the event. The Board will ask the Social Committee to come up with some different ideas for a holiday event that will get more interest.

**B. NEXT MEETING**

The next BEC Board meeting is scheduled for March 12th.

**C. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted 2/14/18 by Dina Harmon





## MEMORANDUM

January 24, 2018

From: Kevin Davis & Ed Kaufman, Co-Chairman  
To: Grants Committee

### Subject: Grant Recommendations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2017-18

The Grants Committee met at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, January 30, 2017 at Downtown Perkins Restaurant, 825 North 27<sup>th</sup> Street to consider grant applications from the following organizations which total \$48,000+. Copies of the complete applications were distributed to the committee and those members unable to attend were invited to share their thoughts/comments to the group prior to the meeting. The committee's recommendations are as follows:

1. MSU Billings Foundation – Seeks \$5000 to help fund childcare scholarships for college students with children. This request was a **carry-over from last quarter** pending receipt of additional information from the Foundation. That information was furnished and reviewed by the committee.  
**Recommendation: No grant.**
2. Montana Rescue Mission – Men's Shelter – Seeks \$7500 grant to help fund updating their security system and to purchase a new dryer at their Minnesota Avenue Men's Shelter location.  
**Recommendation: \$7500 grant**
3. Montana Rescue Mission – Women's & Family Shelter – Seeks \$7500 grant to help funding for upgrading their secure entry and lobby remodel at their 1st Avenue North facility. Recommendation: No grant due to funding limit reached with the previous grant (#2).
4. Blessing in Backpacks – Seeks \$5000 for providing backpacks filled with gifts and food to needy children in the community during Christmas. **Recommend no grant at this time**, but recommend organization reapply with a more complete application in time for the August 2018 meeting.
5. Education Foundation for Billings Schools – Seeks \$1000 to support their summer 2018 Reading Rocks Program offering reading activities in our city parks. **Recommend \$1000 grant.**
6. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yellowstone County – Seeks \$5000 to support their program which matches kids facing adversity with mentors who provide a strong supportive enduring relationship with the child. **Recommend \$5000 grant.**
7. Kids 'n Cowboys – Seeks \$2000 to help fund their program, which provides support for families throughout eastern Montana whose lives have been affected by cancer. Grant will help provide dinner, rodeo tickets, hotel rooms, and travel expenses for out of town families. **Recommend \$2000 grant.**

8. All City Graduation Celebrations Committee – Seeks donation of unspecified amount to help provide 1200 graduating Billings Public High School graduates an alcohol and drug free celebration at their schools. **Recommend no funding**
9. Friends of the Yellowstone National Cemetery – Seeks \$5000 to fund the monthly replacement cost of Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and POW/MIA flags at the Yellowstone National Cemetery in Laurel. **Recommendation: Tabled pending receipt of an updated Grant Application.**
10. Chinook Horses – Seeks grant of \$10,000 to help fund opportunities for individuals and families to participate in equine assisted therapeutic activities by providing financial help for staffing, bookkeeping, animal care, insurance, marketing, scholarships, and professional certifications as outlined in their application. **Recommendation: No grant**
11. Boys and Girls Club of Yellowstone County – Seeks sponsorship funding/donations of varying amounts for their “BE GREAT BALL” fundraiser on March 23, 2018 which helps provide support for their programs and youth memberships. **Recommendation: Refer to Board for their discussion and consideration regarding sponsorship.**

**Total amount of grants recommended: \$15,500**

**Other recommendations:**

- Board should consider and adopt policy that any Grant Applications must be submitted on the current standard Grant Application, either electronically or on paper. Any application in any other format will not be considered.
- Any supply of old and outdated applications be destroyed.