



Breakfast Exchange Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2019 – 5:45 P.M.

Yellowstone Room

Members in Attendance

René Critelli - *President*; Ed Kaufman - *Treasurer*; Tanya Tweten - *Secretary*;
Mike Fleming - *Business Manager*; Dina Harmon - *President-Elect*; and Cory Hasiak - *Past President*

Directors: Lisa Jensen, Shawnee Krauszer, Tanner Critelli, Bruce Glennie, Dan Singer

Members Absent

Wiley Taylor

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance.

B. August 2019 Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the August meeting were presented for approval by email. It was motioned by Tanner and seconded by Cory to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

II. OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Tanya Tweten reported membership as standing at 171 with Kelly Cederberg accepted as our newest member. In addition, the club received an award patch from National in recognition of the 'Veteran's Day at Montana Fair' event.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Ed Kaufman submitted the financial reports to the board for review. He reported that everything is status quo. The General Account is dwindling, as expected after granting. There may not be a lot for granting at the end of this quarter due to limited pouring events coming up. He has a little to deposit from Burn the Point.

In regard to invoicing, **your dues are \$125 per quarter if you are paying by Pay Pal, even if you're invoiced for \$120.** The extra \$5 is to cover the costs associated with Pay Pal and is not included on the invoices due to the limited number of members currently using the service. Again, remember to pay \$125 if you are paying by Pay Pal.

President Elect's Report:

President Elect Dina Harmon reported that the October events are on the website for scheduling. She also magically found out that Fluffy (Gabriel Iglesias) will be performing at the Metra on Oct 26. That event will be added to the website for scheduling.

Business Manager Report:

Business Manager Mike Fleming reported that we earned \$83,203 in August. We brought in \$3,605 at Weird Al; \$2,005 at Burn the Point, and \$3,000 from Buffalo Wild Wings during the fair. We are at \$173,410 for the year so far, which is great now compared to last year, but will not be so great next month. We have no more serving events until October. Team roping is scheduled in Sept for the Heights Club.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee

René reported that a new member orientation will be held on Oct 10 at the Yellowstone Room. The tentative start time is 6:00 p.m. Burgers, brats and sides will be provided.

Dress a Child

Don Lohrenz is chairing the Dress a Child event this year and has been in contact with the Salvation Army. The tentative date is Dec 14. Our club will again dress 70 children. Discussion was had on whether the amount of \$100 to dress each child could be increased as it has been the same for years and we no longer receive discounts like we did at K-Mart. Don has since talked to the Salvation Army and they are OK with us increasing our contribution. The Board is currently discussing the increased allowance amount.

Social Committee

Tanner reported on the **all-club social** scheduled for **this Friday, Sept 13:**

No cost to attend.

At 5:30, the social will begin at the Laurel Healing Field (606 S 5th St. in Laurel)

At 7:00, we will move to the Laurel Golf Club (1020 Golf Course Rd.) where appetizers and drinks will be served. Each person will receive a few drink tickets.

RSVP is not necessary. If you decide to attend the day of the event- just show up!

The all-club social was discussed in June at the District Convention, then members of the local area clubs joined together to plan. However, concerns were expressed by the West End Club this week that they did not have enough notice.

The Pub Crawl has been rescheduled for Nov 2 due to the Fluffy event being scheduled for Oct 26.

The next social event after the Pub Crawl will be the Christmas Party, which is set for Jan 18, 2020 at Hilands.

Patriotism Committee

Tanner reported on the Chili Cook-off scheduled for Nov 9 at the American Legion on Broadwater. This event is all-club sponsored. There is no entry fee for participants - the winner will be presented with an award plaque or something similar. A \$10 donation is requested from attendees. The proceeds will be donated to Veterans Meat Locker. A meat handout is being considered that day in hopes to increase attendance.

The committee will explore participation in the 'Proudly We Hail' awards program in conjunction with National. <https://www.nationalexchangeclub.org/proudly-we-hail/>

Outreach Committee

Shawnee reported that the school supply drive was a success. She delivered to United Way a large amount of schools supplies together with \$105 in cash so needed supplies could be purchased. She has had no communication from Habitat Humanity in regard to club assistance on upcoming home builds. Literature was reviewed on a free firewood program being offered in Red Lodge. The Outreach Committee will look into this project.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Deceased Member Plaque Update

Tanya reported that permission has been granted by Bill Dutcher in regard to the proposed placement of the plaque. His words: "You have had excellent members who have served your club and MetraPark over many years. This will be a nice honor!"

Tony will look into shadow boxes online for a design idea. We will defer to Phill on materials and his expertise on the load-bearing capabilities of the wall. As soon as we have a good design, we will obtain materials and will work with Phill on the build.

B. Sept Nat'l Baby Safety Month

Further discussion was had on how we can participate in National Baby Safety Month. A few ideas were thrown around such as seeking sponsorship opportunities and/or handing out literature at the Family Tree Center Safe Kids event; or providing packets for parents of newborns (baby safety kit) through FTC. It was decided to table the issue for now and to resume discussion in mid-June of 2020 to prepare for participation next year.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tough Enough to Wear Pink Night at N.I.L.E.

Ed made the motion that tip jar proceeds from the Tough Enough to Wear Pink Night be donated to the Eva Project (guaranteeing \$1000), as has typically been done in past years. Bruce seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Eva Project provides free mammograms to women over age 40 that are uninsured or under-insured and the funds raised are given right back to those in need.

B. Freedom Shrines

Inquiry will be made to Leif as to any Freedom Shrines to be installed this year. On the horizon, the Shrine at the new Lockwood school will be installed next year.

Discussion was also had on what to do with the old plaques from our Shrine that was updated. Ideas were thrown around such as offering them to other Exchange clubs, or auctioning them at a silent auction. Cory reached out and the West End Club would like to repurpose the plaques in the Shrine they are building at the new Elder Grove School.

C. National Day of Service - Oct 26 Highway Cleanup

National Day of Service is Oct 26. The club will be working with the Junior Excel Club in organizing a highway cleanup that day.

D. November - One Nation Under God Month

Discussion was had on how we can participate in National One Nation Under God Month in November. Other Exchange clubs have organized a breakfast or lunch for the general public, with a speaker geared toward religion. Ideas were thrown around such as a social media campaign on flag etiquette; sponsorship for an organization that recognizes this event; coinciding the event with the chili cook-off (distributing literature, the showing of a DVD entitled "Lest They Be Forgotten"). The issue was tabled.

The following is a link from the National website regarding this project:

<https://www.nationalexchangeclub.org/one-nation-under-god/>

E. Tumbleweed Gala 10/19 - sponsorship

Lisa moved that the club provide sponsorship of the Tumbleweed Gala in the amount of \$1500. Cory seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Gala will be held on Oct 19 at the Northern.

F. Tip Jar Labels/Signage at Metra Booths

Discussion was had on updating the labels on our tip jars to reflect that the proceeds are donated to the community (the proceeds tend to support various needs in the community, not just child abuse prevention). Shawnee will draft verbiage and will circulate to the Board.

Discussion was also had on updating the signage at our Metra booths (especially the bottle stations) to show where to order and where to pay. Nothing firm was decided.

G. The Benefit - Billings Family Service 10/12 - sponsorship

Dan moved that the club provide sponsorship of The Benefit in the amount of \$1750. Cory seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed 3-2. The Benefit will be held on Oct 12 at the Northern.

H. Bozeman Exchange Club Flag Request

The Bozeman Exchange Club requested that our club provide them with flags to hand out at the MSU homecoming parade on Oct 12, and also asked for volunteers to assist in training and handing them out. After discussion, the issue was tabled.

I. Chamber Membership Renewal

Dan moved that the club renew its Chamber membership together with the other area Exchange clubs by paying our share of the annual dues in the amount of \$110. Cory seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

J. Granting/Sponsorship Amount Limits

Discussion was had on sponsorship funds being included in the total amounts available for funding to each organization per fiscal year. The Board had previously made the determination, at the meeting held in January, that "Granting will be limited to \$7500 per non-profit, not \$7500 per program of a non-profit". Based on that determination, the sponsorships being awarded are to be included in the total \$7500 that may be awarded to an individual organization per fiscal year. A max of \$7500 may be granted to one organization per year, unless more funds are approved by the Board. Further discussion was had on whether the club should provide more in sponsorships because we get more "bang for our buck" in recognition of our support than we do in fulfilling grants.

K. Projector Update

Gary Jensen took a look at our projector after breakfast last Friday and discovered that a cord had been damaged, which is why the color was not working. A new cord is on order at the cost of \$55. Gary estimates that a new projector system would cost around \$1,000 and is probably not needed.

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted 9/10/19 by Tanya Tweten