



Breakfast Exchange Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 13th – 5:45 P.M.
American Legion

Members in Attendance

Cavin Noddings, *President*; Bruce Glennie, *Past President*; Craig Burke, *Incoming President*; Ed Kaufman, *Treasurer*; Shannon Johnson, *Secretary*;
Directors: Wade Austin; Tim Crowley; Rob Romsa, Maria Rivera, Bruce Jensen; Lanny Lucara, Director

Members Absent

Mike Fleming, *Business Manager*;

Guests

Sheila Wilson
Leif Welhaven

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

November 2022 Meeting Minutes

November meeting minutes stand as presented. Wade made a motion to approve the minutes.
Motion passed unanimously.

II. OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Shannon Johnson reported that the club's membership now stands at 127. Sheila Wilson presented to the board to become a new member which would bring our membership to 128. Anyone who actually reads the minutes, please go into the www.breakfastexchangeclub.org and update your personal profile, or make any necessary demographic changes to both the national website and the local website.

Treasurer's Report:

Ed reported that he sent the quarterly check for Family Tree Center. We've already spent \$25k of the \$30 we budget for Family Tree. Our operating acct has approximately \$4400, and the membership account has about \$6k. We still have carried over granting money, but we won't have much to grant this upcoming quarter due to lack of events. Apart from being light on events, we are doing ok.

President Elect's Report:

Craig shared that he spoke with folks at the Metra and the only event we have until the football

season is Chase Hawks; we have one monster truck event between this Saturday and March. Additionally, we let the Brews and BBQ folks know that we won't be doing that event this year.

Business Manager Report:

Business Manager Mike Fleming was absent.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee

Sheila Wilson presented before the board for membership. Sheila is the wife of late Exchange member John Wilson. She enjoys serving in the kids area at the Food Truck Battle and will be running the kids zone in 2023. Sheila is a friend of Exchange and was easily and excitedly added to our club. Bruce Glennie made a motion to approve her membership, and the vote was unanimous before a second could be given. Welcome to the club Sheila!

Social Committee

Get ready for the annual Christmas party!! On January 14th, 2023, at the Valley bank building downstairs (off Broadway avenue downtown). The theme is going to be Twas the Night Before Christmas...interpret as you wish for dress attire...We will host our own bar and will have a few kegs of beer, and wine at the tables. White claws will also be available. Bruce Jensen will work his magic to see what we can come up with, and Maria will also reach out to Adam Decker to see if they can help in any way. Time of the event will be forthcoming along with many of the other details.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MSUB RFP-

Cavin reported that the ball is in the court of MSUB (no pun intended). We need to let them know what pay system we are going to use so their IT department can verify it is compatible with their network capabilities. We've already picked one, and let them know what instrument we would like to use. Mike said he was going to go talk to the chief about all the permits that it might cost to do events like this within city limits, as the rules change when we are out of the county.

By-laws Review-

Shannon and Craig have gone through the documents with suggested edits. The Bylaws just need review, however the Board discussed that the policies should also be reviewed for any updates the Boards have made over the years and should be updated accordingly. Typically reviews occur every two years or so, so this is not uncommon.

American Legion Improvements and BEC Storage-

The Board discussed helping the American Legion with any improvements needed for the building. Maria is going to talk to Carla Morgan to help design how she wants it to look, and then she will be able to come up with a list and pricing.

Storage prices -Lanny put together a pricing list for storage units. The board began discussing whether a permanent location with ownership by the club would be a better investment over time. More discussion was held on cleaning out all the BEC storage to keep what we need to keep, and Marie Kondo the rest. Board moved to table the storage topic to another meeting.

Grateful Giving Contribution-

Grateful Giving 2022 recap: There were 99 Veterans and 402 of their family members that were supported on Thanksgiving! This could not have been done without the support from the community, friends of the American Legion Post 4 and Exchange Clubs of Billings. Special thank you to all of the people that donated their time to help put and gather the boxes. Wade Austin, Vic & Joanne Lawson, Jeff Willett, Johnnie & Jeana McClusky, Drew Danforth, Mike McManus, Christina Salazar, Albertsons on Rehberg & Grand Chris Harmon, Meadowlark Trucking, Young Marines of Billings MT, Key Impact, Shamrock Foods, and Veterans Navigation Network.

Tony Parish is wanting to do a raffle for Grateful Giving for next year. He is asking for all Exchange Club organizations to help with the cost of tickets to sell for the raffle. He already has a gun donated, some whiskey, and a few other things. The total cost would be \$552, and the club can give any amount of that they wish. The Board asked if this could be added to next year's budget. Bruce Glennie moved to table the discussion until a later date since we have some time.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Freedom Shrines-

Leif spoke to the Board and asked if a new freedom shrine for the American Legion could be purchased. They are really sleek and well designed now, and take up a bit less space. We would then take the Legion's shrine and put it in McKinley school. Additionally, the County Commissioners had also approached him and asked that their shrine get put back up in the Stillwater building eventually. They want a ceremony and installation for that new building. The cost for a new shrine is \$800-\$1k and more if it is customized. Craig will call McKinley to verify they want one still, which was their desire prior to covid. Wade looked up the pricing and it was \$925 for the smaller shrine, and \$1325 for the larger shrine, on either acrylic or wood. Bruce Glennie moved to get the new, large set for the American Legion, and then two other sets would be removed or repurposed going to McKinley and Stillwater building. This will take some strategic planning to get it all organized, and there are still some logistics to work out about who will install and what that should look like to carry on after John Wilson. No vote was actually taken, as there is still more information to gather.

Laurel Home Town Troops Contribution-

Ed received a late grant request. This group puts care packages together to send overseas to our troops, and they are short on postage. Ed reached out to Rene and FTB, and they support giving to this group. Grants committee also supports it. The total ask is \$1000. Bruce Jensen motioned to approve. Craig gave the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Christmas Breakfast Meeting-

Maria announced that Craig Burke donated half of the cost for our prime rib breakfast from Entre MT, and asked the club to take care of the other half. Many Board members stepped up and offered to donate the rest, however Maria asked instead, if all of us and the membership that comes to breakfast, to pass the hat for tips for her staff. The Board agreed that we would take a collection for the staff at the AL to say thank you for the preparation and time they've all spent to give us a wonderful Christmas party celebration.

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm. Craig made a motion to adjourn and Wade gave the second.

Submitted 12/14/22 by Shannon Johnson