



Breakfast Exchange Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 8th, 2023 – 5:45 P.M.

American Legion

Members in Attendance

Craig Burke, *President*; Dina Harmon, *Incoming President*; Ed Kaufman, *Treasurer*; Cavin Noddings, *Past President*

Directors: Bruce Jensen, Rob Romsa, Maria Rivera, Chuck Rutherford, Teal Kaufman, Stacy Dreessen

Business Manager: Mike Fleming

Members Absent

Shannon Johnson, *Secretary*

Guests

Rene Critelli - *Food Truck Battle*

Kevin Davis - *Grants Committee*

I MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion of Meeting protocols

Disclosure of Conflicts - None Stated

Approval of July 2023 Meeting Minutes - Ed made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Chuck second. Minutes approved as presented.

II. OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's Report: Secretary not present. No report.

Treasurer's Report:

Additional handheld credit card units for FTB - Request was made to rent 2 additional credit card units for FTB. Cost is \$15/month each. Cavin made a motion to approve 2 additional credit card units, Rob second. Motion approved.

Leif's golf clubs - Ed reported that we came in under budget for the golf clubs.

Financials - Ed went over the current financials. Copies will be available at breakfast. Ed explained the membership account numbers are lower than usual due to cash flow - 2 socials and the Bejot golf tournament. There are also several members who need to pay their dues.

Members who have non payment of dues were discussed. Members who are overdue will be contacted.

President Elect's Report:

Dina reported that she will be doing the scheduling for the September 15th Goo Goo Dolls concert.

It was also reported and discussed that one member is past due for R- Serving. He will be contacted.

Business Manager Report:

MIke reported there is a Goo Goo Dolls concert September 15th.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grants Committee – Kevin reported on the grants approved by the committee. See attached report.

Bruce

made a motion to accept the committee's recommendations. Maria second. Motion approved.

Membership Committee - To discuss their progress with new members and existing member engagement

- This item was not discussed due to a full meeting agenda.

Food Truck Battle Committee – Rene reported on the FTB status. There are 60 food trucks participating! There will be handheld devices for processing credit cards for admissions and for voting. There will be 2

at

the gate and 2 at the beer booths. The parking lot to the west is not available. People will be able to park in lots around the area. HUB has generously donated to cover shuttle buses. Tickets will be sold on the shuttles for less congestion at the entry gate. There will be a map on social media and signage at the event as to where to park. There will also be a golf cart available at the ADA parking area for people needing assistance. The Metra is letting us use 6 of their turnstiles at no charge so we can count the number of people attending. There will be 26 veteran resource providers. They will have contests in their area. Adaptive Performance Center will have contests and a raffle for a 1 year membership to their gym. Interstate Power Systems is providing generator systems for the event. This should cut down on the noise. There is \$37,200 pledged in sponsorships with \$23,400 received already. The majority of sponsorships are from BEC member businesses. Judges will be in pairs as they will have 60 items to judge. Tables and chairs will be rented from one place this year. **People will be needed to help set up tables**

and

chairs on Friday before the event. A construction company has donated a light plant to light the flags so they can be put up before the event. **People will be needed to put up flags & banners on August 19th at 9am.** Rene reported that with the event growing this big, this will be the last year at the Armory and it will most likely be moved back to the Metra next year. **A huge thank you was given by everyone present to Rene & her committee for all their hard work on the event!**

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

New Member Interviews - The Board met with 3 potential new members. Shawn Perry (Shannon Johnson sponsor), Hillary Lee (Leif Wlehaven sponsor) and Kannon Torgerson (Leif Welhaven Sponsor). Kannon is a

returning member. Bruce made a motion to approve all 3 as members. Rob second. Motion approved. Welcome to Shawn & Hilary & Welcome Back Kannon!

Flag Trailer Request from Ranae Marshall from Laurel Hometown Troops for a Healing Field in Laurel.

Stacy made a motion to approve the use of the trailer and flags with a \$500 deposit. Bruce second. Motion approved.

National Convention expenses and reimbursement - The Board discussed and approved expenses for sending 5 members to the National Convention that was held in July in Phoenix.

Dress a Child - The Board discussed the date of Dress A Child. The preference was November 11th at WalMart Westend. Since Tony is the chair of the committee, the Board will defer to him to make the final decision on the date.

VI. Tabled Business

Signage Improvements at Metra - Not discussed

By-laws review - Not discussed

American Legion Building Improvements - Not discussed

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm. Bruce Jensen moved to adjourn. All second.

Minutes taken by Stacy Dreessen, sent out by Shannon Johnson on 8/10/2023