B.E.S.T. Meeting Minutes

Feb. 13, 2014

**1. Call to Order at 8:35**

**2. Introductions**

**3. Reading and Approval of the Minutes – Jeanne Kearby**

A motion was made by Dale Kehr and seconded by Georgeann Duberstein to accept the minutes from January 9, 2013.

Motion carried.

**4. Treasurer’s Report – Pete Molidor.**

Presented budget activity with a balance total of $20,443.67. There were no deposits.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s report by Judy Armstron and seconded by Shirley Christian.

Motion carried.

**5. Speaker – District 116 Referendum Public Forum by Bill Johnston**

A historical perspective was given regarding the process for determining the high school needs. A community committee was established and recommendations were made to the Board of education. In turn a referendum position was established. The breath and scope of the project was presented with supporting documentation.

Several questions were asked and answered.

Goergeann Duberstein added information as the chair of the Citizens for District 116 committee. She stated the reasons for her support and if people were interested she had additional information.

**6. Reports of Standing Committees**

a. By-Laws – Jim DiDonato

By-Laws Committee met on Jan 14. The second revised version was reviewed and progress is being made.

b. Membership – Wendy Warden, Chair

Wendy noted that the database was up to date. The committee is finalizing the membership packets with Kathy Myers

c. Public Awareness – Georgeann Duberstein, Chair

Reported was U of I Extension scheduled for the radio spot. Feb 27th is open. If there are any suggestions or people requesting, let Kathy Myers know.

d. Special Projects – Community Empowerment Grants – Shirley Christian, Chair

Shirley noted there was an application from the High School for an ACT Prep class incentive program. The grant purchased two refurbished iPads to be given away to two students that completed the course.

A new grant application was received yesterday and the committee will review.

**7. Reports of Special Committees**

a. Kindergarten Readiness Committee – Judy Armstrong, Lead

Judy reported on the Second Cup of Coffee event on Feb. 11. The turn out was great and there were two new partners brought to the speakers panel. There is a meeting scheduled on March 18 for the committee at 9:00 am to discuss next steps.

b. Chili Supper – Kathy Myers, Lead

Kathy reported the need to start planning for next year. She asked members that were interested in helping with Chili Supper for next year to let her know.

**9. Next Meeting – March 13, 2014**

Sandra Perez and Sandy Foster will be presenting.

**10. Adjournment** was called by Kathy Myers. All were in Favor. 9:57