B.E.S.T. Minutes

September 11, 2014

1. Call to Order 8:34 a.m.

2. Introductions: After introductions we recognized Georgeann Duberstein as a recipient of the State Board of Education, Those Who Excel Award. Round Lake School District submitted her for the award.

3. Reading and Approval of the Minutes – Jeanne Kearby

It was moved by Judy Armstrong and seconded by Dale Kehr to accept the August 14, 2014 minutes. It was approved by acclamation

4. Treasurer’s Report – Pete Molidor noted we received $ 10.00 from Amazon Smiles program and we had a balance of 16,719.76.

It was moved by Jim DiDonato and seconded by Wendy Warden to accept the Treasurers Report. It was approved by acclamation.

5. Speaker – Round Lake School District 116 Referendum

Dr. Collins, Bill Johnston and Annette McKinley provided an extensive PowerPoint presentation. Included were the issues that prompted the School Board to consider the need to build an addition to Round Lake High School. The addition would address updating learning spaces to meet 21st Century expectations, the current overcrowding , the access issues to the west end of the building, the need for S.T.E.M. classrooms and PE space. A diagram of the proposed changes to the High School was presented with an explanation of where the building would occur and how it addressed the issues at hand. The attendees asked questions.

6. Reports of Standing Committees

a. By-Laws – Jim DiDonato would be presented at the Executive Board Meeting regarding the final revisions.

b. Membership – Wendy Warden, Chair, passed out information on those that needed to pay their dues. She reminded the members of our membership goal of 60 members.

c. Public Awareness – Georgeann Duberstein, Chair, noted that she continues to send notices of meetings to the newspapers. Georgeann also asked for suggestions people that we can contact regarding our meetings and events.

Kathy noted that Chris Kennedy was scheduled to be on the BEST Hour on the radio. The School Based Health Clinic was scheduled for the 30th of October.

B.E.S.T. Radio program received an award for the Best Talk Show from GEO.

d. Special Projects – Community Empowerment Grants – Shirley Christian, Chair , reported there were two requests being considered for Springfield trips from the Middle Schools in Round Lake.

In addition, we presented Front Line Street Intervention with a check for $2,500 s the recipient of a B.E.S.T. Grant

7. Reports of Special Committees

a. Kindergarten Readiness Committee – Judy Armstrong, Lead, next meeting was September 16, at 9:00 a.m. at Panera

b. Chili Supper – Kathy Myers, Lead Asked for volunteers. The next meeting was September 15, 8:00 a.m. at Panera.

c. Community Calendar – Jim DiDonato, Lead noted they were working on the logistics of a community calendar.

d. Transportation – Philippe Melin, Lead: Georgeann Duberstein is a member of the Lake County Coordinated Transportation Associations (LCCTA) and is attending meetings.

e. Community Outreach – Dale Kehr, Lead, noted the committee was exploring options and determined 5 areas of focus. They are meeting the second Thursdays of the month. Their next meeting is Oct. 9 at 7:30 a.m. at Panera. Developing this committee came up when Kathy Myers noted how many of our member groups were dealing with the food needs in our community. In Round Lake there were 7-8 food panties. Wendy Warden spoke to coordinate the health issues so we are just not feeding empty calories to those that need the service.

8. Check In: Member organizations spoke to members regarding their programs and events.

9. Next Meeting – October 9, 2014

10. Adjournment: 10:07 by acclamation.