

**BEST Regular Board Meeting
Minutes of February 14, 2008**

Kathy Myers opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes from the January 10, 2008 meeting.

Motion by Tom Finnegan; seconded by Pete Molidor. Motion approved.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report from January 31, 2008.

Ted Byers has contacted the state about a tax exempt letter for membership usage and that the 5013c status is current. He is also going to get a second key to the P.O. Box. Also discussed retrieving BEST materials from the Library location. BEST balance is \$2,138.79, CCI balance is \$1,620.89 and the Baxter Grant balance is \$3,250.00. Motion to approve report made by Pete Molidor; seconded by Terre Ezyk. Motion approved.

Introductions and Announcements:

Jim DiDonato from the RLA Library. RLMS staff (Raymond Russo and Nicole Bihn).

Presentation: Cheryl Caesar, Round Lake Middle School

Ray and Nicole presented a Student Sponsored Underage Drinking Campaign with the concept for expected behavior and responsibilities (parents and students) for the upcoming season of dances. They are seeking a donation for materials to get the message out into the community in the form of business cards, card holders, posters flyers, etc. Cheryl Caesar can be reached at ccaesar@rlas-116.org or 847 270-9400 if you can help. BEST discussion opened up to taking the same message to the high school for Prom and Kathy will see what assistance is available via the HS print shop and to get publicity (newspapers and radio) and possible business sponsors for this campaign. Motion made by Tom Finnegan; seconded by Kim Kick for a cash donation not to exceed \$50.00 to this campaign. Motion approved.

Committee Updates:

By-Laws: Tom Finnegan – no report at this time

Membership: Genesis Casillas – request to step down from the committee due to her schedule. Membership forms for 2008 are available –please contact Kathy Myers.

Event Planning: Nanci Radford

Youth Employment Program Kathy Myers stated that the initial interest by the students was very high but that the lack of adult participation needs to be addressed. Hope to begin work after spring break. Jim DiDonato mentioned that in April there is a Smart Money Week sponsored by the banks which could tie into this program.

Public Awareness :Judi Armstrong

BEST Website: Kim Kick sent changes and is waiting for John Wondrasek to respond to requested changes and a demo of the website for the membership. .Jim DiDonato said the RLA Library is currently updating their website and recommended checking out siteground.com as BEST has the URL via Go Daddy (Judi Armstrong).

Character Counts: Kathy Myers

Annual Awards Ceremony: Will be on Mary 17th at the RLA Park Ranger Station off Orchard. This year's project will be painting park benches that will then be located at each school. Nominations will be taken at the CCI meeting on Feb. 19th. Contact Kathy for nomination forms.

Character Counts Dues: District 116 will pay the \$300.00 dues this year. BEST/CCI has paid the annual dues the past six years.

Ad Hoc Committees:

Holiday Donation Centralize Committee: Ted Byers will talk to Carole Shook regarding the software program that Willowcreek Church uses to track applicants and donations.

Community Service Committee: Pete Molidor will assist in the compiling of a list of sponsored sites for community service projects that are of the court ordered type. Kathy will meet with both Pete and Keith on this list. Ted will check with Waukegan for any current list of host sites.

BEST Recognition/Award Committee: Members discussed candidates. Rev Tom Curry of the Community Church will be leaving BEST and the church at the end of March to train for and then leave for India to work at the orphanage.

BEST Business: Changing the meeting location was discussed and as BEST doesn't carry liability insurance meeting at the Cultural Center is likely not possible. Waiting on response from Monica regarding the lack of insurance.

BEST meeting will continue to be held at the Round Lake Beach Village Hall Lower Conference room with a start time of 8:30 am.

Next meeting is on March 13, 2008 at the RLB Village Hall at 8:30am.

Kathy closed the meeting at 9:35 am.