

**BEST Regular Board Meeting
Minutes of April 10, 2008**

Kathy Myers opened the meeting at 8:45am

Approval of the Minutes from March 13, 2008 meeting: Motion by Tom Finnegan; seconded by JudyArmstrong. Motion approved. The RLA Community Church will be the address for BEST as PO Box isn't acceptable for tax exempt correspondence.

Treasurer's Report – Ted Byers reviewed account balances: BEST \$1,998.79; CCI \$1,570.00 Baxter Grant balance is \$3,250.00. The RLA Community Church will be the address for BEST as a PO Box isn't acceptable for tax exempt correspondence.

BEST Website Launch – John Wondrasek.

WWW.RLABEST.ORG Kathy thanked Judy for the Baxter Grant and John walked through the site and it's features and answered questions. Questions included updating and adding events; photo gallery, contact forms for membership; adding links; redirect addresses to keep SPAM from going to officers personal addresses; added Tom Finnegan's phone number (847.546.2351) for those who prefer to contact via the telephone; add events by filling out forms provided at meetings to get member events on the site; change Local Resources to Resource Organizations. Kathy asked that members visit the site and provide her with feedback via the comment page. Training scheduled for next week. Judy thanked everyone for working on this project.

Introductions and Announcements:

Judy Armstong announced the the Village of RLB is going to Springfield to receive an Illinois Historic Award for the cabinet in the Civic Center. Shakespeare in the park will be in September. Beachfest: Contact Sue Butler. Chamber Expo is April 19th from 9:00am til 3:00pm (BEST will have booth to market the website) please contact Monica Mars to participate or for more information. Memorial Day Parade will be on May 26 (BEST to have a car with magnetic signs promoting the website, please contact Kathy if you can help out). Annie Lyons announced a reception for Tom Curry on April 19th from 2-4pm. Cheryl Ceasar from RL Middle School will be presenting at the Avon Township Coalition.

Committee Updates: Membership: Carole Shook new chair was absent – no report. By-Laws: Tom Finnegan – nothing to report. Events Planning: Nanci Radford was absent – no report. Public Awareness: Judy Armstrong made comments during announcements. Character Counts: Kathy Myers – explained and handed out forms for nominating individuals for the Award Ceremony on May 17th which will be held at the RL Park District Ranger Station. Ad Hoc committees: nothing to report at this time.

Next Meeting: May 8, 2008 at 8:30am at the RLB Cultural and Civic Center

TOPIC: Being a Community Service Site with Nicasa personnel as guests to explain the policies and forms required. Anyone interested in being a site should attend.

Kathy adjourned the meeting at 10:00am.

