BCCA Monthly Meeting July 8, 2024

***July 8, 2024 BCCA Meeting***

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by President Martha Buracker.

Board members present: Martha Buracker, Nancy McDermott, Kristen Pence, Mary McKinney

Minutes read by Kristen Pence and approved and as presented.

***Treasurer’s report***

Deposits $1329. 20; expenses REC, Brightspeed, supplies for Kid’s Yard Sale; opportunity to purchase dedicated laptop for treasurer (keeps only BCCA info); paid for state commission $25; paid for mowing – ending balance: $97, 473.08

Martha and Nancy met with Element Risk Management: manages our insurance policy – 3 buildings are on the policy: BCC ($600,000), substation ($150K), Updike building ($80K) = $1752/year+$266 with the increased coverage

Brightspeed: bill reduced from $135 to $99/month, unlimited calls. Had been charged federal and state tax, so Nancy submitted the tax exempt forms – has not heard back as of tonight.

REC: online access with 3 accounts – Updike, Main building, and some outside lights

Holtzman: set on auto fill – filled at 30%; refilled for 217 gallons at $540 which includes a $9.99 delivery fee

Updated tax exempt cards: Walmart, martins, dollar tree, lowe’s, family dollar, aldi, Costco

By laws have been added to the website and events have been updated

Kid’s yard sale was a huge success: $100 on table rentals; $344 kitchen; cleared approx. $300 after supplies

Merchandise: Marianne and Nancy – created spreadsheet for Tom’s for ease of sales and transactions. Nancy will pick up inventory sheet and money on the last day of the month. Marianne is keeping the master inventory. $60 for June; $25.50 aluminum cans

WC 24-25 budget approved: $2000 for Browntown Community Center, Nancy sent a letter to request the money

Mailed a thank you note for a donation today

Brian Wilkinson – would like us to request a higher amount of money from the county next year; he thinks $2000 is too low. We did ask for $2500 during this budget season. Maybe consider a more specific request for funds next year.

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s report: Approved

***Committee Reports***

**Trustees**: Denny called 3 people but there was response for the termite repairs (no active termites, this is older damage); Roxy donated new swings and a couple of other playground items. Marianne will ask Mark to put them up with another volunteer. Will still need a toddler swing. Are there requirements for mulch or other ground cover under the equipment?
Denny will ask Gary Burke for an estimate for termite damage.

Allen – generator donated to the community center, it needs repairs – asking permission for repair. Request estimate for repair.

**Scheduling**: Party on July 13, Paint class July 15-18; Party July 20; Party +/- July 27; Paint Party August 11; BCCA August 12; September 13&14 yard sale

**History**: no report

**BEARR Group**: Almost 300 blue signs, WC Fire and Rescue Union wants to go in with BEARR and sell the signs countywide, will donate money for cancer research for firefighters.

South Warren Fire Dept looking for volunteers, only 2 active volunteers from our area. One meeting a month; no one on the board speaking for Browntown currently.

**Gooney Valley History and Preservation**: Working with Pastor of Browntown Baptist Church, which now owns the church beside the community center. Could this church be brought into ownership by BCCA?

Working on the 2025 calendar

Mary McGLoughlin asking for help with the Updike Building maintenance and upkeep. Working on painting and some minor repairs. Goal for history club will be to have it open once a month.

Roxy has a box of old newsletters dating back to 1990. She is organizing them in a way people can look through them.

**Ways and Means**: Wine coolers, hats, long sleeve tee are needed inventory items

**Supervisor Cullers**: Nonprofit funding: show up to ask for the money, and show up with specific requests. Voted to add 9 firefighters; Cheryl requested 2 come to our area 3 days a week for EMS. Call for EMS volunteers and firefighter volunteers in our area. Cost of a firefighter is $100K plus. Will need a place to stay – housing x 24h/day for a fulltime position

Shooting range in Bentonville: conditional use request is in process with more information coming from the Sheriff’s dept

***Old Business***:

Art camp next week with a few spaces still available

Paint Party August 11 – Kelly Walker, a few pictures to choose from; $45/person, all materials provided; kitchen can be open with simple food items; split money with us 50/50 last time – recommend 60/40 this time since she brings all the supplies

Still need a decision on the CDs – advertised price was different in person; consider treasury bill instead

Dave McDermott: 6 month treasury bill 5.3% this afternoon, can be purchased online; calculate how much we want to invest and add what we want to earn (invest $50K, but would say we want to invest $52,500 in current example)

***New Business***:

Calendar printing for 2025: Brian is requesting sponsorships for the calendars and is also asking for the money to cover printing of the calendars; will plan to have them ready for the winter events.

***Motion: The BCCA to authorize a budget of up to $1500 to cover possible printing costs of the calendars – by Brian with a second from Allen. Nancy requested National Media invoices BCCA. Motion approved.***

Insurance office: Most organizations / nonprofit organizations carry a policy to cover officers and trustees if there is an issue with liability.

Camera policy update provided by Jim Sylvester: Martha’s SIL is willing to manage the cameras with a backup person. Roxy provided some additional signs. Verbiage needs to be updated in rental space agreement.

***Motion: Accept the camera policy as presented. Motion approved.***

Allen additional call for volunteer drivers EWOK/CPR only certifications; Policy in the county Fire department does not go out to cut up trees during fires/the state will be called for cleanup; Red phone for emergency in Fairfax – consider something like that here at the substation to help cover emergencies – call goes directly to dispatch. Need for a bigger fire truck here; Allen has been out of water twice recently – 1988 brush unit is too small.

***Motion to adjourn 9:11pm***

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen J. Pence, DVM

Amendment: Tom stated we also need short sleeve T shirts; Marianne will be asking for $1000 approval to meet the minimum order requirement.