

Bear Lake Promoters

Approved Minutes

December 3, 2014

Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairperson, Joanne Schroeder at Grille 44.

Secretary's Report The minutes were approved as read

Treasurer's Report: Checking balance \$5012.289 Savings balance \$1421.18 The report was accepted as presented

Correspondence: None

Old Business

- 1. Sparkle in the Park** Pauline Jaquish reported that Opening Night went great and the weather was perfect. Set up weather was terrible. Santa had about 70 kids which was approximately ten less than last year. Linda Young served as Mrs. Claus. The extra Santa bags went to the soldier boxes. We collected lots of food. Gary and Sylvia Hendricks were great helpers. The coupon sheet is beautiful and will be available at Opening night next year. Caroling will be this Saturday following the Sleighbell Parade and then every Sunday at 7. They will sing at Toyland Bear Lake display in the park. Contest results for Sparkle display in the park were 1st Rita's Retreat 2nd Shreve's Syrup 3rd Bear Lake Historical Society. Pleasanton Greenhouse donated a floral arrangement as a prize. The Residential Lighting Contest results were #1 Angela Eisenlohr and #2 Kim and Deborah Bradford. The Business Lighting Contest results were Dr. Harless, Bear Lake Bed and Breakfast and Honor Bank.
- 2. Website** The links are working fine. Check your own link to be sure.
- 3. Holiday Donations** Rita Brisbin moved and Jackie Johnson seconded to give Love, Inc. \$50, Onekama Food Bank \$200, BLUMC Food Bank \$150 and Salvation Army \$50 Passed
- 4. Election** Linda Schweyer moved and Dick Graham seconded to elect Cindi McPherson for Secretary and Don Brisbin for treasurer unanimously. Passed
- 5. Snow Sculptures** Tony Merrill is ok to do this again. We will want for snow and the school will select the date.
- 6. Bear Lake Food Pantry** Erin Bair is organizing this with a committee. It will be operational in January. It will be called Bear Lake Community Services through The Bear Lake United Methodist Church. The hours will be: the first Thursday of the Month from 9-11am and the 3rd Thursday from 5-7. They are currently working on emergency boxes. The food will come from the West Michigan Feeding America. They need cash donations, food donations as well as drivers to go to Cadillac and pick up food. They could also use a crew to clean the room and baskets for food, shopping bags, people to build shelves and advertising.

New Business

- 1. Membership Applications** are going out in January. Joanne needs help to stuff and send out. We will make it two pages so the second page can be information about what we do.
- 2. Rich Russell** Rich presented information about the Watershed. It has been a very successful year. They are doing water testing. The lake is in the best shape ever. They will continue all testing. Bill Fronk is in charge of testing. Storm drains are a concern and Dick Graham is the chair of this area. He is in the process of mapping all the drains. General information is being disseminated by Barb Farfsing. They are working on signage which will say "You are entering the Bear Lake/Bear Creek Watershed. They have two upcoming events: The Fourth Watershed Banquet on Saturday June 27 and they are resurrecting Autumn Glory Day and hope all organizations will participate on Saturday October 3. It will

have a Pumpkin/Harvest theme. The Watershed will cover any liability. There will be contests, hotdogs, bonfire, etc. Barb Farfsing is in charge.

3. Doug and Jacque Erdman have free Christmas trees.
4. **Thanks again to Grille 44 for a great breakfast.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55

Easter Egg Hunt	
Bear Lake Days	
Community Yard Sale	
Bear Lake after Hours	
Trunk or Treat	Friday, October 31 5-8
Sparkle Opening	Saturday, November 29 through Dec.31
Promoter Elections	December

Respectfully submitted by Linda Schweyer, Secretary

Next Meeting January 7, 2015 7:30 am at Grille 44