



Executive Board Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2017
@ Braidwood Police Department

Members in Attendance: Pete Dell'Aquila, Project Coordinator; Tim Ricketts, President; Nick Ficarello, Vice President; Pam Dell'Aquila, Secretary; Sandy Fletcher, Treasurer

Members Absent: Jimmy Winkler, Member at Large

Invited Guest Present: Joni Leigh, Director of Prevention Services, Chestnut Health Systems

Call to Order: President Ricketts called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm

Approval of Minutes: Sandy made a motion to approve May 2017 Exec. Board Minutes. Nick 2nd. Motion carries.

Presentation of Appreciation Award: Tim presented Joni Leigh with a Certificate of Appreciation, thanking her for her continued support of and dedication to building the initial small group of interested citizens into a viable community coalition with the funding and capacity to continue the BAHCC's youth drug and alcohol prevention work in the community, and wishing her the best on her upcoming retirement.

Project Coordinator Report:

Pete reported that he has submitted an application for a grant from the Will County Foundation, a 1 time grant for up to \$15,000 which may be renewable for up to 3 years. In the grant, he has requested incentives for a Youth Advisory Council (which are not allowed in state grants) and funds for a downpayment or lease of a minibus to transport students in the youth groups at the three SWC high schools, to meetings, trainings, and events. Key preferences for awarding of the grant include collaboration (with other organizations, etc.) and sustainability (i.e. Board raising new funds and/or obtaining matching funds). Applications will be reviewed and applicants interviewed over the summer, with award notifications made in September, and checks distributed in October.

Pete noted that \$300 has been budgeted for business cards. The board agreed that the front of the cards should include the BAHCC logo, Mission Statement, and an invitation to join our regular monthly meetings (with meeting info included) and the back of the card should include info on the PD's C.H.A.N.G.E. program.

Pete reported that Jim Hutton had spoken to the Braidwood Masons regarding the purchase price of the temple building and that they would sell it for \$50,000. Discussion followed regarding having the city building inspector check to see what needs to be done to bring it up to

code (with handicapped accesibility), having Chris Early or Tony Altieri giving an estimate on buidling repairs that may be necessary, and concerns about asbestos and lead due to the building's age. It was suggested that we create a building vision to increase buy-in for the project and a rally around the vision by community members, and setting up a go fund me account for monetary donations and including a donation progress tracker. In-kind donations of time and materials could also be solicited. Bricks with donors names might be a good way to raise funds and/or recognize donors. It was also noted that Mayor Vehrs has offered to lease a city-owned building (yellow house) adjacent to Rossi field to the coalition for \$1 a year.

Pete suggested we might want to approach the Main Street Baptist Church to see if they would collaborate on a Community Garden in the area behind the church.

Pete reviewed the coalition goals that were set in 2016, discussig goals we had met, those we need to continue, and those we have fallen short on. Utilizing this review, goals for the upcoming year were determined and will be presented at the annual meeting next week.

President's Report:

Tim noted that he would like to schedule a consistent day/week for RAD meetings for the entire upcoming school year.

Tim reported that he was interviewed by Chauncey Noziol on EPSN radio at the beginning of Exelon's Fishing for a Cure event that was held on June 3.

(Secretary's note: The link to the interview was emailed to coalition members. Tim did a great job! Coalition members helped out at the Kids Derby at Godley Park, Joni had a great interview with Exelon that will be included in their event video, and members were present at the end of the event at Braidwood Lakes, where they were presented a "big donation check" for \$51,000. The actual donation check will be presented at a later date.)

Vice President's Report:

Nick reported that the PD has submitted the application for a JAG deflection grant asking for \$68,423 to help fund the C.H.A.N.G.E. program. Funding requested includes \$25,000 to contract a Social Worker, 1/3 of the salaries for a police afficer and an administrative assistant, and \$6,000 for PSA's.

Nick mentioned that he had contact with parents of a local young lady who has been struggling with addiction regarding who would be interested in starting a parent support group. It was agreed that this is very much needed in the community, (Pam will contact Denise Rall about what it would take to get a SMART Recovery Parent Support Group started locally.)

Treasurer's Report: Sandy reported that the checkbook balance remains at \$2917.18. Nick Motioned to approve. Pam 2nd. Motion carries.

Secretary's Report:

Pam reported that the ballots are ready for the election at the Annual Meeting next week and that voting member eligibility has been determined through meeting attendance records.

Pam asked Board members for suggestions for Appreciation Awards to be presented at the annual meeting. The board chose Pegg Warnick, Sarah Nalley, and Janie Votta to receive awards, along with one to be presented to Exelon "Fishing for a Cure."

Pam noted that help from the Board and coalition members will be needed during Summerfest and at the BPD golf outing, Sign up sheets will be distributed at the annual meeting next week.

Pam said that Pete has suggested that we offer food from various restaurants (a "Taste of Braidwood") at our annual celebration and asked for help in choosing what menu items to include from which establishments. A \$250 budget for food was agreed upon and Pam will order and pick up the food, water, plates, napkins, cups, and utensils. Tim agreed to bring a cooler of his famous lemonade.

Adjournment: Sandy motioned to adjourn at 5:10 pm. Nick 2nd. Motion carries.