

In attendance: Ginny Favede
Rodney Boniti
Mike Leo
Justin Klempa
Shawn Zoladz (in place of Nick Karras)
Bob Gribben

Bengy Swanson
Tom Conner
Dave Morris
Eran Molz
Jennifer Long
Jeff Neilly (in place of Clint Powell)
Eddie D'Aquila
Jody Bonfini (in place of Jim Conrad)
Don Mays

Absent: Don Teichman
John Kalkreuth
Terry Lavorini

The Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Mrs. Favede.

Minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to approve the minutes as is by Mr. Gribben and seconded by Mr. Klempa.

The Hoffman Presentation – Presented by the Co- Chairs on what we want the future to be for Project BEST. It was decided via motion by Mr. Gribben & seconded by Mr. Leo and approved by the board. We will remain a 501C6 reining in our spending, discontinuing our scholarships and endowments along with discontinuing our safety program. Mrs. Favede did state that Ogle and Associates are members of the OVCEC and if any of the contractors needed trainings she would still refer them to Ogle.

Network Luncheons – Changing back to monthly meetings with a speaker to build more cohesiveness with the group and promote Project BEST.

Financial Outlook – Document was presented by our co-chairs to the board (see attached). Document was approved as presented. With the caveat the co-chairs would continue work to improve the investment strategy moving forward. It was decided by the board to get a rate increase to at least 1% or move the money from First National Bank of Powhatan.

Responsible Contracting Flyer – was presented to the board and 10 copies were given to each member. It was requested everyone to begin the conversation with your local officials and communities. Giving business & elected officials a reason to say yes.

Safety Committee was discontinued.

Career Day – Changing the date to late April or May along with a location change to Wheeling Park Ice Rink. Also working closer with the High School seniors to have a signing day with the trades they will be going into. This Idea was done in Virginia and is another positive way of promoting our trades.

Goodwill Projects – We would like to continue goodwill projects setting up a criteria, following specific guidelines that are established. Lots of fantastic ideas were discussed all that would promote Project BEST. From building houses for the disabled, the key would be marketing everything comes back to relationships as we move forward we cannot forget the good thing we are. Perhaps doing 2 or 3 big projects a year. We need a consistent marketing message. All projects done by Project BEST must take up responsible contracting criteria.

School Bonds and Levy Campaigns – Schools must sign on to our responsible contracting language.

Scholarships and Endowments – We will not be retracting the money already given but we will have a form letter encouraging the schools to spend the money we already have. We will also be pulling all endowments we are aware of. Documentation for the endowments are not well documented.

Gala Breakfast – Adding the contractor of the year awards based on man hours and cost doing more to show case this board would vote on who gets this award. We want to focus more on the contractors. Also giving awards for contractors who signed on to responsible contracting.

Sponsorships – Suggested a yearly budget be established and the board reviews sponsorships. Not from what was done in the past but what is most beneficial to Project BEST. Budget based upon a 2 year review and to be the work of the finance committee.

Advertising – Suggested a yearly budget be established and reviewed by the board. Not from what was done in the past but what is most beneficial to Project BEST. Based upon a 2 year review and to be the work of the finance committee.

Marketing Personnel – Create a budget, vision, and a goal of accomplishment. Begin interview process.

Yearly Calendar – Produce a monthly calendar to be emailed to all board members a month in advance, alerting of all events to the BOD.

Website – Project BEST website has been updated and will include a member's login where agendas, minutes, and notices will be kept. Mrs. Favade gently nudged the trades to online applications for the Website.

The document named **Plan for the Future** was approved with a motion by Mr. Gribben and seconded by Mr. Boniti.

Funding Requests – Tabled all funding requests with the exception of the Pig Skin Preview. Motion to do that and table the rest by Mr. Mays and seconded by Mr. Gribben.

Financial Report was approved as presented with a motion from Mr. Gribben and seconded by Mr. Klempa.

Networking Luncheon – on July 24th with the guest speaker being Pat Ford. We will be trying to get Mr. Ford to sign Responsible Contracting Language.

Apprenticeships and IEP'S – taking kids in from high school following the IEPS as written. There is also a website askjan.org

Mrs. Favade requested the board would reconsider the OVAC package and after discussion the board agreed on continuing the three year advertising package, motion by Mr. Gribben & seconded by Mr. Klempa

Next Meeting August 9th

Meeting Adjourned