

Evanston Hungry Children Backpack Program
January 19, 2016

Present were: Carlos Vazquez, Holly Robbins, Bev Fackrell, Judi Leftin, Larissa Sneider, Joy Bell, Nichole Mecham, Gerry Bolger, Glen Defa, and Irene Hansen.

Meeting was called to order by Gerry.

He reported a bank balance of around \$18,000. Bev said that Bear River Dental has made a donation. Dr. Lester may donate toothbrushes and toothpaste and the Hospital is planning a blue jean Friday when employees can bring food donations.

Motion Carlos, second Gerry to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2015, meeting.
Passed.

Joy reported that the paperwork for last year's Community Foundation Grant is needed for this year's application. Gerry will provide the paperwork. He said all of the monies were spent on food. She has followed up on the Arby's grant and has submitted the necessary information. Joy asked for a "talking points" page to provide to Jared McLaughlin, Arby's Manager. Joy also said she needs the current board members in order to reinstate the program with the State of Wyoming. She will file the 990 postcard before April 15, 2016.

Holly said that she has an additional three children in need of help. The group agreed that the cap will remain at 160 but that schools need to provide Larissa with numbers.

Holly asked who was in charge if she wasn't able to make it to pick up bags when Bev is at the site on Friday mornings. Bev is willing to go to the site and meet other schools there but she can't stay for a long time as she has to get back to work. She was told she could contact Irene or Gerry on Friday morning if she misses Bev, and Larissa said she is there until about 6:30 on Wednesdays.

Bags were discussed. The big garbage bags were hard to work with. The Walmart and Smith's bags worked well for everyone but UME. Gerry has ordered 300 bags through Amazon and we will continue to use recycled bags and those ordered for the time being rather than reorder the expensive bags.

A discussion was held about schools picking up bags or backpack volunteers delivering them. Joy thought her mother may be willing to deliver. Carlos will work on finding a volunteer to meet the schools or deliver.

Gerry reported that Holly Law and Glen Defa have resigned the Board. Gerry said that some volunteers have jobs and kids and can't give as much time as others. He said he'd resigned as a result of a Facebook exchange over the weekend but said he later rescinded his resignation. He had suggested sponsoring an essay contest with him being willing to provide a cash prize

but some users had criticized the idea. Bev said there were some misperceptions on Facebook. Irene asked the Board and committee members to stick together and not criticize the program in public.

Joy said when volunteer organizations are in strife, donors find other projects to support. She said Gerry would never exploit anyone. She said back biters and haters have no place in the Program. She suggested we may want to decrease the size of the Board and decide how we want to run meetings. She suggested we have an attorney who is willing to donate their time and attend meetings. She said Deborah Demander may be willing to keep the website updated.

If the Board size needs to be decreased, Bev said she would step down but she was asked to remain.

Larissa suggested the entire group meet and the Board meet afterwards if necessary.

Judi asked about sponsorships. No action has been taken in that regard. She suggested the possibility could be included on the website.

The next meeting will be held on February 16, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

Irene Hansen