



Breakfast Exchange Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2025 – 5:45 P.M.

American Legion

Members in Attendance

Shawnee Krauszer, *President*; Shannon Johnson, *President-Elect*; Tanya Tweten, *Secretary*; Mike Fleming, *Business Manager*; *Directors*: Bruce Jensen, Randy Thomas, Bob Dalrymple, Scott Krauszer, and Jesse McKee

Not Present: Dina Harmon, *Past President*; Ed Kaufman, *Treasurer*; Whitney Griffin, *Director*

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

November 2025 Meeting Minutes

Tanya suggested that the November meeting minutes be amended to state that 5 new membership applications were approved at the meeting, and those memberships will become active after receipt of payment of the initial membership fee and first quarter dues. Membership will stand at 109 after all new members become active.

Shawnee moved to approve the November meeting minutes as amended; seconded by Tanya; approved unanimously.

II. OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary Report:

Membership currently stands at 106 active members, with 3 new memberships pending. Alex Morgan and Mary Anne McGuire became active members after their applications were approved last month. John Braaton advised that he will wait until January to submit payment and become an active member. The memberships of Shay Grinsell and Kinzey Koch remain pending and will become active upon payment of the required fee and dues.

Ed sent an email to the Board on Nov 11, 2025, with a motion to approve two grant applications recommended by the Food Truck Battle: (1) \$4,000 to the American Legion Post 4 for Grateful Giving 2025 (to assist in providing a full Thanksgiving meal to Veterans and their families); and (2) \$7500 to Adaptive Performance Center (to assist in a temporary housing project for homeless veterans). Both grants were approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report:

Ed reports that the operating account has a little over \$13,000 currently. Hopefully Chase Hawks will bring in some funds so we can do some granting this quarter. There are a few members who are two quarters behind in dues. If you are behind in dues, please submit payment as soon as possible.

President-Elect Report:

The schedule for Chase Hawks will go out on Friday. That is the only December event to be scheduled. Scheduling for Nate Bergatze (1/18/26) will be open on the website next week.

Business Manager Report:

Through the end of November, BEC has made \$174, 875 in beer sales, compared to \$230,00 at this time last year. Earnings for November: \$3300 at Kevin Gates; \$3000 at Jeff Dunham; \$1000 at Mercy Me; \$5600 at Pentatonix. The Festival of Trees brought in \$964.00.

Beginning at the Chase Hawks rodeo, all beer will be priced at \$8.00. BEC will receive the same percentage of that price as it received from all previous regular-priced beer sales.

Events coming up:

- December: Chamber of Commerce After Hours; Billings Assoc of Realtors Christmas Party at the YAM; Chase Hawks Rodeo
- January: Basketball game, Nate Bergatze on 1/18/26; Fusion Fight League on 1/10/26
- February: 3 basketball games; MATE show
- March: 1 concert
- April: 3 concerts & PBR
- May: 2 concerts
- July: Goo Goo Dolls; and a country act

President Report

A table at Festival of Trees was donated to BEC, and we had 5 attendees at the table, but many other BEC members were present in their various capacities. The event was fun, but it is noted that BEC was the only area Exchange Club that did not enter a tree in the festival.

The 'Flapjacks and Football for Prevention' fundraiser was successful, bringing in approximately \$1300 which is being donated to the Family Tree Center. The left-overs from the breakfast were used to make breakfast burritos, which were sold after the event to contribute to the total funds raised. A special thanks to those who donated funds and/or time to this event.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Website Committee

The website has had glitches in recent months in scheduling, downloading membership applications, etc. Craig reported that the application download can be turned into a fillable form for which the results could be emailed, and a quote was received from our current website provider for creating additional code to create a database table. After discussion, it was agreed that no additional funds should be spent on the existing website. Shawnee will ask Craig if the site can simply be edited so that a membership application may be downloaded without the requirement for information input prior to the download.

Patriotism Committee

The committee applied for a \$20,000+ grant from the Montana 250 Commission, to assist in purchasing flags, etc. The Commission will share the official funding announcements the week of Dec 15-19.

Foundation Board

The Foundation account has a current balance of \$620,000. Special thanks to John Eastman for his recent donation, and to Stewart Title for a \$500 grant. Funds were also raised by the Griz/Cat Board.

Social Committee

The BEC Christmas Party is scheduled for 1/24/26 at the Petroleum Club. Details will be forthcoming, but a meal and a DJ are planned.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

SOP for Beer and Wine Sales

Shannon will organize a beer-captain meeting to discuss an SOP for beer and wine sales.

NOTE: Double-banding is NOT required at Metra events. If a customer has a band from the other beer booths, that is sufficient.

Website

Discussion was held on creating a new website, possibly through Square Space, which would be managed by the club and not an outside provider. This could result in a substantial savings of funds annually, and the website could be used more efficiently as an anchor of information for the club. Shannon volunteered to draft a couple pages to be reviewed by the Board. Tanya moved that Shannon move forward with drafting; seconded by Scott; and approved unanimously.

Christmas Giving Drive for Off the Streets

Shawnee sent an email to membership regarding a Giving Drive for 'Off the Streets' which serves homeless persons at the 4th Ave Hotel (formerly Big 5) by connecting them with social workers and helps them find stability through employment, permanent housing, and addiction recovery. If you would like to donate, please bring donations to breakfast on 12/12 or 12/19. Cash gifts are also welcome, or you can Venmo Shawnee (@shawneal). Donations will be delivered to the organization on 12/24/25 at 10:00 am if you would like to join in on that. Items especially needed: Toiletries; hats, gloves, warm socks; tee shirts; feminine hygiene products; deodorant.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discuss options of Company Sponsorships (Scheels, Diamond X, coffee shops, etc.)

Jesse brought some ideas to the table for company sponsorships, but this topic was delayed for discussion at our next Board meeting. Although he may have left feeling a little slighted, Jesse's efforts are appreciated and he will be moved to the top of the list next meeting.

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2025, at the American Legion.

Submitted 12/11/25 by Tanya Tweten