BLY COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM MINUTES

September 23, 2021

Present: Sharon Wessel, Suzanne Cornell, Lois Michaels, Mary Booker, Rena Melsness, Kathy Forest, Donna Kness, Jim Lindsey, Kathy Smith, Kari Beckler and Leda Hunter

We decided to have the annual Halloween Party on Sunday, October 31st, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. The following have committed: Fish Pond, Cookie Walk, Bean Bag Toss, Plinko, Ring Toss, Carmel Apples, Popcorn Balls, Water District and Photo Booth. We will check with the Forest Service to see if they want to participate.

The Bootleg Fire Relief center and funding was discussed. We have received $25,570 in grants and donations since we opened in July. We decided to reimburse the fire department for the lost funding from the monthly bingo games. $150/month x 4 months =$600. We have purchased items for those affected and still have around $4,000 to spend before we close the center. Funding will be kept to pay for cleaning; the Klamath county food bank is purchasing new carpet for the fire hall.

Donna has funding left from donations to the fire fighters and evacuees for meals at the Bread Wagon. We decided to hold a BBQ for the community/volunteers this fall. More info to come.

We decided the Blue Star Marker would be better placed over by the lookout rather than by the highway. The fire department has a large reader board, donated from Keno fire department, which will be installed by the road that would hide the marker. The sign will be installed this fall (John Richmond) and a celebration day will be decided at a later date. Flag Day 2022 is not possible. Pat will contact Jim Lindsey on the military aspect.

We are asking, on Facebook, if people feel comfortable having a Christmas program. Santa and Mrs. Santa have agreed to come on December 19th at 6:00. Should we decide to go with having it please let Leda know so a program can be prepared.

Jim reported that the Combat Veterans are holding a raffle; tickets are $5.00 each or 5 for $20.00. A Thanksgiving dinner will be held at the VFW at 2:00 for any veteran. They will also have a Christmas dinner on December 24th at 2:30. They expect to open an outreach center in Lakeview in the spring/summer of next year.

The Christmas Giveaway will be at the fire hall on December 18th from 10:00 to 2:00. All children from 0 to 18 are invited to shop for their families. We are accepting new and lightly used items. This event requires a lot of volunteers. We need personal shoppers and wrappers.

Our next meeting will be October 28th. This will be the last meeting for 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/Leda Hunter*