Bly Community Action Team

Notes

April 25th, 2024

Attendees: Miranda Hill, Kathy Smith, Sharon Wessel, Mary Booker, Don Connelly, Rena Melsness. Rick Harriton. Suzanne Cornell, and Leda Hunter

Special guests: Rejeana Jackson, Byran Bryson, Rhonda Nyseth

Rhonda Nyseth for ODHS discussed their grant program that was developed after the Bootleg fire. Grant must be fire related and is due by April 30th.

Rejeana Jackson is running for county Commissioner position #1. Gave an update on her views and experience.

Bryan Bryson is candidate for county sheriff position. He also gave an update on his qualifications.

Miranda Hill, from public Heath is conducting a community health assessment. Everyone is encouraged to take the on-line survey.

Town cleanup is scheduled for May 3rd. Meet at the fire department at 9:00. All volunteers will be treated to lunch at the Bread Wagon.

Fishing Day is June 4th at Obenchain Reservoir. Volunteers meet at 10:00 for setup. Lunch will begin at 11:00.

Donna is working on the community cookbook. She is also building a handout listing the local businesses and places of interest. Leda will send a digital copy of map that was distributed years ago.

A meeting to discuss the future of Gerhart Elementary will be held on Friday, April 26th at 2:00. It appears since Ed Vierra is retiring (again) that they are afraid they will not be able to hire another teacher. If not, the school may be reduced to K-through 2nd grade. Leda reminded them that they do have community support from the Action Team. (purchased and built fence along east side, grant to purchase play area, and installed with community volunteers, obtained grant, and provided labor to rebuild the baseball field). The superintendent says they have allocated $250K to redo the roof. Rick read a letter from Rejeana Jackson regarding keeping the school as it is. The next school board meeting is May 16th at 5:00pm at 2845 Greensprings Drive.

The fire department is selling raffle tickets for an Ak-22 donated by the Outdoor Store. Tickets are $5.00 each.

Pat Phillips deserves praise for completing another successful preschool year.

Some of the flowerpots downtown have been neglected. We’re hoping folks will step up this year. (I’m guilty!)

The next CAT meeting will be May 23rd, 2024.

Senior Lunch will be begin on May 1st at the Bread Wagon. $5.00 per meal for those over 60.

The CMA church plant exchange is scheduled for My 25th with lunch being served at 11:00. This is always a fun event.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/Leda Hunter*