Bly Community Action Team

Notes

September 25, 2025

Attendees: Donna Kness, Sharon Wessel, Kathy Smith, Suzanne Cornell, Steve & kari Beckler, Pat Phillips, David Prantner, Leland Hunter, Bruce Nichols, Jennifer Little, Amy Slay and Leda Hunter

Leda signed the agreement yesterday with the Energy Trust to install the AC unit at the gym. They are also installing an upgraded electrical panel. Work should begin soon.

Donna and Emily got a grant through Cascade Health alliance to purchase hygiene products to those in need. They will attend training this winter. $3,000.

We made around $800 on the target shoot by selling extra turkeys and hams. Thanks, Bruce, for your donation today. The food bank has purchased 6 tables that will be stored at the gym while they are using it. They were purchased from Amazon.

The CATeam will be holding a bake sale on October 3rd and 4th, at the bread wagon, to help with the gym table purchase. Sales will begin at 11:00 each day and we will take shifts selling the items. Hunting season starts on the 4th.

We saved one turkey for a Christmas gift basket to be given to a needy family. We will include the $50 gift card that was left from the target shoot. Depending on who is chosen we may add toys etc. The CATeam will purchase additional dinner items to go with the turkey.

The Gearhart Valley Cookbook will be submitted soon for publication. We are going to order 300 and should have them before Christmas. Total cost with shipping is $1461.60. Thanks to Laurie Gurski for her work on this. Our cost per book will be $4.42 each.

The fire department is applying for a seismic rehabilitation grant to earthquake proof the two buildings. We appreciate letters of support. The cost of the grant is $9000 but the department will only pay $4000. They also applied for a grant to install a secure fenced area to store equipment that is currently stored at different locations.

The Halloween party will be at the gym on October 31st from 5:00 to 6:30.

The annual Christmas children’s shopping spree will be held on December 20th from 11:00 to 1:00. We still need new and lightly used items donated. We still have some funding from last year. ($155) We may be having fundraising events again this fall.

Jennifer says the county will come to give flu shots again this year in either October or November. They received a grant to help folks navigate the health care system also. Miranda and Kenedee are no longer with the county. Amy Slay is a new employee. Welcome Amy.

The mobile health clinic will be setting up in Beatty. We haven’t heard if they will be coming to Bly.

Preschool registration will be Monday, September 29th from 10:00 to 11:00 and school will start on October 2nd.

The water machine, owned by Bly Water, located at the park was broken into last Friday, the door was ripped open but apparently, they didn’t know there was bills in the machine as they left $256 in it. The CATeam is supposed to collect a percentage of the proceeds but have not so far. Board members Donna and Leland are working on this.

The calendar information will be submitted on September 30th. We still have several outstanding customers. We don’t make much on these sales, but we don’t want to raise the prices.

We need to get some of the younger generation involved with the team; not sure how to recruit them.

Donna is smoking grass fed chickens next Sunday. Let her know if you want one. $20.00 each.

The next meeting will be held on October 23rd, 2025.

*/s/Leda Hunter*