



MINUTES

Date | time Wednesday, November 8, 2023 @ 7:00 pm | *Meeting called to order by* April Hedlund,
President

Welcome/Call to Order

Meeting at Linda Sokol Francis Brookfield Library with about 20 women in attendance including several new faces

Secretary's Report

Kathleen Misovic read the minutes from the October meeting.

Treasurer's Report

No report due to influx of funds.

Committee Reports and Events

- Fundraiser Committee—Update on the annual bunco fundraiser: All tables were sold out in advance of the event. Members were reminded to bring a toy for Toys for Tots, bring beverages, a dish to share, and, most importantly, their cash for raffle tickets, mystery envelopes, and the 50/50 drawing.

General Business, Volunteer Opportunities & Upcoming Events

- Volunteers at Monsters on Mainstreet reported a successful event and that they ran out 25-30 pounds of candy by 2 p.m.
- Final results of the September Spa and Wine fundraiser for Veterans: Members gave \$150 and the club matched that amount for a total of \$300 raised for veterans who use services at the Hines V.A.
- Members learned about another volunteer opportunity, the first annual Kris Kringle market in Brookfield. (Original opportunity was to provide hot chocolate, but instead members passed out swag bags.)
- A connection was made between the Share Food/Share Love food pantry and the Children's Community Closet, two organizations with volunteer opportunities for BWC members.
- Emily spoke about an opportunity to purchase holiday gifts for children with emotional disabilities and their families who are serviced by a school in Maywood. The club agreed to participate.
- Members also learned about an opportunity to shop at/donate home goods to East Vintage Market, a shop in Hodgkins that provides home furnishings for people escaping domestic violence, veterans, and others in need of a new place to live.

For the rest of the meeting, members signed holiday cards for residents of Beverly Farm and Cantata.

Next Meetings:

Wednesday, December 13, Annual Holiday Party, Sebastian's in Brookfield
Wednesday, January 10, TBD
Wednesday, February 21, TBD