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CALENDAR

February 18 Board of Directors meeting, noon at Memorial Presbyterian Church.
February 27 Walk For Warmth.
March 2 Travel and Adventure Program, 7 p.m. at MCFTA. Volunteers needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Roger Briggs said that the Walk For Warmth event this year will be on February 27. Roger has pledge forms available for those that want them (he is also accepting pledges to support his own "Walk"). Roger circulated a sign up sheet for volunteers to help with registration for the event.
***Roger Briggs circulated a sign up sheet for Key Club meetings. He also commented that the Annual Key Club convention will be March 19-21, and they are collecting pop can tabs. Roger will have a container if you wish to donate.
***Carol Rumba thanked members for their generous support (over \$1,070 so far) for her daughter's participation in the Walk For Warmth.
***Jim Struthers said that the final Travel and Adventure program of the season, "Beneath the Jungle and Beyond (Belize, Guatemala, and Honduras)" will be on March 2. Jim circulated a sign up sheet for volunteers to help with ushering, etc., for the program.
***Dick Jellum reported that the Candy and Nut team will meet on March 2 to discuss possible ways to modify and improve the program. He is asking for comments and ideas from the membership. Please send them to Dick at rjellum@sbcgolbal.net or jellum@mcfta.org.
***Diane Stevens reported that Don Petersen is now in Hospice care. Please keep Don and his family in your thoughts and prayers.
***President Renee read a letter from the Grace Dow Memorial Library thanking the Kiwassee Foundation for its recent gift, which will be used to purchase a new Amigo. Renee also reminded members of the Board of Directors meeting this Thursday, February 18.

YOUTH SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE GRACE A. DOW MEMORIAL LIBRARY

George Fromhold, chair of the Human and Spiritual Values committee, introduced Stephanie Williams who is the Supervisor of Youth Services at Midland's Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. Stephanie said our Library offers a wide variety of special services for children and youth, including the following programs: (1) Seasonal Events, (2) Teens, (3) Outreach, (4) Story Time, and (5) Book Discussion. The Seasonal Events programs include the annual "Battle of the Books" program (which is a well known institution in Midland), summer programs, summer and holiday movies, "Free Comic Book Day", and others. Teens programs include "Teen Game Days", "Cram Nights", and programs that help teens to find interesting and educational books to read. Outreach programs include "Family Literacy Night", "Community Baby Shower", "Great Start Readiness" (which is sponsored by Success by 6), "Picture Report", and an advanced and accelerated group. Story Time programs are very important, and are designed to help introduce children to books and to reading. They also are designed to educate parents on the importance of reading to children. They help create life time learners and library users. These programs include 2 sessions/week for babies, 2 sessions/week for toddlers, 3-5 sessions/week for 2-3 year old children, and 2 sessions/week for children over 4. The Book Discussion programs include the "Brown Bag Book Club" for 4th and 5th graders that meet each month from June through March (they bring their own dinner and discuss books). The "Plot and Pizza Group" for 6th-9th graders discuss books and enjoy pizza provided by the Library. These are great programs (all free of charge), and Midland is indeed very fortunate to have the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. Mike Merrill commented that he knows of no other community that has anything close to this.