Rotary Board Minutes

August 26th, 2021

Present: Dan Eccher, Peter Garrett, Jeff Jolicoeur, Kim Lindlof, Tom Longstaff, Jeff Melanson, Erin Merrill, Suzanne Uhl-Melanson, Sarah Wadick

Excused: Tina Chapman, Christine Black, John Dalton, Chris Gaunce

Absent: Bob Barton, Maggie Bryant

Guests: Chuck Bickford

Call to Order – 3:03pm

Secretary’s Report

Minutes from previous meeting - Tom made motion, Peter 2nd, passed AIF with the note that the board meetings on the last Thursday of the month (not specifically 3rd or 4th)

Committee Reports –

\* **Administration**: Kim suggested moving the Sept 13th meeting to the Victor Grange so that members could see the space. Board felt like that would be a great idea. Kim will contact Barbara and Erin will send out a note to the membership. Erin also noted that speakers are booked through November now.

\* **Treasurer:** Sarah reported that everything looks good. Still new into the year so not a lot of activity. Two accounts were opened; one for the Story Walk and one for the Centennial Trail. Kim mentioned that due to the uncertainty of schools, they won’t be doing perfect attendance this year so we may want to ear mark it in the budget as a place holder but we probably won’t be spending it this year. The P&L is on track compared to last year. Dan moved to accept report, Kim 2nd. Passed AIF

\* **Membership**: John was absent so Suzanne presented. Outreach to Rob Lester at Colby about a possible Corporate membership. Ken Vlodek is back as a member and previously outstanding dues were waived. Renewed support for Rotarian of the Month. The board will vote and the person will be recognized at the next meeting for the previous month.

\* **Community Service** – No report given

\* **International Service**: September/October cups and fines are going to support International. Peter gave an update from Miranda Phelps about the college and students in Haiti due to the recent earthquake and hurricane. The committee has not formally met yet.

\* **Vocational** – No report given

\* **Foundation**: Tom met with Tina to discuss the Foundation and push for EREY more than the Paul Harris Fellowships because people don’t understand what it is and we want people to give for the EREY more. November is Foundation month, so Tom will start promoting the Foundation in October. There may also be someone to speak about Peace Centers. Noted that October 24th is World Polio Day so the committee should think of ways that we may want to promote that.

\* **Ways & Means**: Suzanne asked about dates for the fall auction. We want to make sure that it doesn’t interfere with other events happening in the community. The auction will be online but we want to do something on that last night – radio station, in person – to promote fellowship. Potentially the week will be November 8-12

\* **Public Relations** – No report given

New Business –

\* **District Grant Committee**: This will be an ad hoc committee made up of the President, Past President, VP, International Chair and Community Services Chair

\* **By Laws**: Jeff J said that he will be sending out the revisions soon. He and Dan Eccher and Jeff Melanson are finalizing.

\* **Riverwalk Clean Up** – September 10th at 2pm

\* **Protocol for happy dollars, fines, 50/50 for Zoom participants**: It has been challenging for members in person to keep track of who is paying and who has not for the 50/50 as well as juggling multiple sets of tickets. For simplicity sake, people Zooming in will be able to give happy dollars and participate in the fines but won’t be able to purchase tickets.

\* **American Promise** – there was a brief discussion led by Peter Garrett on his intention

of presenting information about American Promise to Rotary Clubs. It is a movement

to end the domination of big money in politics.

Adjourned: 4:05