Minutes for Monday May 1, 2017

Grace by Rick Saxby

Anthem by Barb Saxby

Guests Abiola Akinbi and Martin Obeng

Good Neighbours Day update from Carolyn to finalize details for Saturday. Volunteers need to be at Town Hall Mary Street entrance at 0700h on Saturday May 6. Ries will bring the tents and BBQ . We will use the kitchen inside town hall. Blanche – buns, Maitland – bacons, Carolyn- cucumbers and tomatoes, Rebecca health unit kit. Tables will be there. Vino has lots of napkins from the storage area. A suggestion was made to use the plastic dishes from Wing fest. Vino will check out what is in the storage. Not sure if Rotary doing the CLNH yard work. Carolyn will check. Ingrid suggesting to do the yard work another weekend.

Storage unit update from Ries- there is a bike in the storage area for the exchange student. Ries asking for someone to help organize as we need to consolidate the two storage units. There are electrical cables that we could sell to Nadalin or on eBay. Need to organize a work party to clean and build some shelves. There are left over clamshell packages that could be donated to CLNH. Suggested to set up a work day with date to be announced.

Game-On Ball Hockey tournament. Rod sent around a signup sheet for game on Ball hockey June 10 Saturday where we will need help with running the BBQ. Raising funds for Kids Mental Health. Located at Home depot parking lot again this year. Carolyn suggesting to take the tents… 1 to sell tickets for the car and hopefully to have the car there. 2 tents 1 for the workers/food and 1 for the car

Car- Ingrid needs to update on the car. Next board meeting May 9. Need $38000 to cover the car. There was some discussion that we can we still back out but If no car raffle, will need another big fundraiser. Taking a bit longer to get up and running than we expected. Getting a Honda CRV – good location to advertise and small SUV #1 selling car, popular in Milton.

John – Scholarships – 6 candidates for interview on May 16. 5 from HDSB and 1 from HCDSB.

Milton Street Festival June 3 – John sent around a signup sheet – Everyone signed up has training from the town so John will cancel the upcoming training. If we are ready we will also be able to sell car raffle tickets and will need more volunteers. Romeo and Rob 5-9, Rod and Maitland 9-1300, Sohail and Rick 1300-1700, Ingrid and D’arcy 1700-2100, John and Nicole 2100-0100h. Location of the Rotary barricade to be determined. Car will be separate in a separate location and we will need 2 volunteers at all times, if selling tickets due to money on site.

Blood donor, Barb looking for volunteers for Clinic May 13. Vino will help out.

Food packaging – Carolyn reminded everyone that the food packaging event is happening on May 13.

Summer BBQ – We need volunteers to open their back yards for summer fun and fundraising…

District and club change overs-Need to plan the gavel toss- it will be held at Rob Rubino’s home on June 24. We should also invite new DG? New DG is planning to visit our club July 17. District changeover will be June 22

Romeo – RLI training May 13. Romeo encouraging any new Rotarians to participate. Free for Rotarians 2 years or under. Kirsti is going if anyone would like to car-pool

On-Line Auction. Vino looking for replacement as he cannot be the chair for this fundraiser as he is taking over Assistant DG. Rob Rubino will assist with marketing, John will help with logistics. We still need volunteer for procurement. We have new software and need someone to help with the implementation. Need to follow up with previous sponsors and donors. Busiest time Aug – November. Vino suggests we start early and not miss opportunities. This is our main fundraiser – Vino suggests we could get $20 000

Denim and Diamonds – Barb reported she has completed all expenses and calculations. Total profit $5427.64. The band has indicated they are available for next year. . Have not heard back from CHP yet but will try to book same weekend after Easter. Next year costs at CHP will likely go up. Will need to look into controlling early bird sales – pay up front for tickets or Need to get money in hand by the deadline to get the reduced rate. Mid-Knight catering has kept costs the same for the past 3 years. Great food this year. Appetizers were good and plentiful. Meal was $45 with tax in. If can’t get the barn again – will have to look around, perhaps the Grand Chalet. Maitland felt the auction went really well – split closing better, payment system better and having the bid sheets marked “paid” before collecting items made it clearer. Thank everyone who donated items – large and small. Rebecca and Madison put smaller items together to make baskets and they sold well. Rebecca got large cello bags. Alcohol donations went over retail cost. Hospital is a well-known charity in this area so good support. Auctioneer got good prices and worth his “fee” (2 tickets and cocktails). Good attendance from the hospital – they had 20 people. Entire profits to go to the hospital, Previous galas profits were split 50/50 with minimum of $2500. “Pack a bag for a friend” to be the first consideration of the donation committee. May be limited as dictionaries will be 2-3000. It was suggested to donate to “Pack a Bag” after the auction. Our intent is to honour our commitment to Pack a bag but we are also Still recuperating from wingfest. This will be discussed at the club after the board meeting.

Hospital – committed to donate $25000 over 3 years for the Pediatric Family Lounge

Spelling bee – Team – Rebecca, Maitland and Kirsti have offered to represent Rotary May 15 at Min-Max hall. Do we want to do this? Costs $300? It fulfills Rotary mandate for literacy, on top of dictionaries program. Vote overwhelmingly not to participate this year due to cost and general lack of enthusiasm

Dictionaries –Blanche reported that 1800 dictionaries to be sent out. Lost 3 sponsors but gained 2. Sponsored by Rotarians to the $2100 (?) but will need to cover the remaining cost. It was discussed at Board that entire cost should be covered by sponsors. Sponsors sometimes come with Blanche to present and they really enjoy it.

65th anniversary book – have 4 copies and free of charge for anyone who wants one. Perhaps to new members

RI Grant – Carolyn reports that the fall food packing session has passed district. Community fund applications due June 1. Need to submit receipts for tents and documentation. Ideas for other fund applications were discussed such as Rotary Flags about $150 each. Vino reminded the club that we need a computer that can be dedicated to club use. This request has been turned down in the past. Have other groups been approved for the computer? Advertising for the car is crucial. Flags can be Rotary and car raffle specific

SAA – John

Fined Martin for sitting with Oakville Trafalgar table. Maitland was late. Out of province – Happy bucks – lots of them, couldn’t keep up. Nice to know we are a happy group!

Weekly 50/50 Rick Saxby won $14. Cummulative 50/50 – Kirsti won but failed to draw the elusive white marble