



Board Meeting – February 11th via Zoom

Zooming Annie Holtby, David Schulz, Paul Snack, Mel Groom, Hugh Graham, Mike Taylor, Ann Harrison

1. Financial Update Ann

Banking We're still solvent. Let Ann know if donations come in so receipts can be given. Mel has the deposit book.

Tax Receipts Ann was talking to Randy and asked about the \$ limits of the donations. If. As Rotary members, we do e transfers, Randy does a lump sum. If it's a cheque, he'd like it to be a \$50 minimum. Ann was asking about non Rotary donors. A few thought \$20 was the bottom donation that would be receipted. Randy knows that February 28th is CRA deadline for receipts to be distributed.

Dues due. Ann will send reminder to those who haven't paid their dues because it's a significant cost for District and RI.

2. Spring and Summer Events – Ann and Paul S

Funfest Ann We have a great connection with EL Crossley. Through the school, Funfest has received a Board sponsorship of \$1000. We already have 2 mentors and still need more. It's a friends and family event so we'll need all hands on deck. We need a community event and it's an opportunity for the entire community to come together. Last time, the Grade 12 Leadership ran the activities for the kids – this year that class was at the beginning of the year so they can't help out. **Mike.** What about Rotaract? **Paul.** Good idea. We definitely have person power needs. A few weeks before, we'll publish positions needed so we can sign up. Our job is to herd the crew. **Dick, Lindsey and Janet** are helping the class is going to do the grunt work. They'll go through all of the steps we do when we have projects. **Frank and Paul** have connected with some donors for seed \$. Big Brothers, Big Sisters would like to be involved. Paul let them know we can't give them as much as before and they're good with that. **Mike** talked to his friends re the music and the people from the sound system end are willing to be back on board. Some of the bands were through Paul. **Paul** will check.

Canada Day Canada Day T shirts. **Frank** thought that since the Kinsmen did the **Pelham Home Show**, maybe we could rent a spot there. We could do shirts for the Arches there as well as at Summerfest. Hugh had sent a note to Kinsman Dave Ripley asking if they'd support us doing this, Dave responded immediately and said for \$150 which is half price. It's April 9 (10-5) and 10 (11-4.) Hugh thinks two hour time slots would be good. We need to provide \$2M insurance and can do that through the District's

insurance. We can promote all our activities. Hugh will send package to the club. Paul did a logo 2 years ago for the Arches. The company doing Canada Games printing can turn it around in 2 weeks.

Summerfest

Canada Summer Games – Torch Rally. This event is happening Saturday July 16 in the morning. Rotary Clubs are having their own run on that Saturday. We need 15-20 people to coordinate the hand offs of the Torch Bearer e.g. Mayor to Luchella to Frank. We do have a say and like Funfest, we need everyone on deck. Between **Frank and Paul S** running the front end, we should be good. The Summerfest party starts so really the town is taking care of that. Mayor will be in uniform and our main torch bearer. Our job is to sell T-shirts with 60% of proceeds going to Rotary and 40% going to Canada Games. Luchella wants to be a torch bearer and has all his friends who'll buy T-shirts. **Michael Jacques** has applied and he'd be our Rotarian bearer and he'll have lots of supporters. There's a meeting with Canada Games and Town. **Paul** is coordinating with the town right now re the maps – we'll look for our own 10-15 volunteers. **Frank** said that our responsibility is to get the torch bearers – separate from volunteers for the games themselves. Frank is helping **Larry Boggio** in **Port Colborne** on July 3rd. We can provide prior help. **Dunnville** is picking up **Wainfleet**. The **Beer Tent** – The Canada Games has asked Rotary to man the tents. Bench Breweries plus XM Absolute at the Canada Games Park. All Rotary will get the profits from the beer sales. Hours are 11-6 with two nights up to 11 pm. 80-100,000 people are expected to go through. **Mike**. This has gone out through the Rotaract channels and they'd like a portion of the proceeds. **Ann**. We should use the program the TV Auction uses where club us ID'd to figure out who was there. **Frank**. We're working with Wayde Stayzer, from the St. Catharine's Club and Jennifer Schoenhals from N.F. Sunrise. Wayde does the beer sales for Rib Fest. Frank and Paul are having a meeting with them. Frank likes the idea of using the auction template. **Dave**. A multi-club effort should be something other than Clubrunner. We have to be sure our calendar is up to date. **Paul**. A plus is that we don't have to set up the tent!

Rotary Peace Fellowship Request. Ann. This is for someone at the Master's level. Gordon Crann is the recruitment officer and is asking clubs to sponsor an applicant. Orientation and interviews are handles by the District. **Annie** thought it was a mentoring task for us as well. ??

Arches Update – Frank. The committee has asked the Town to issue a cheque for the materials for the steel requirement. **GGG** is the company in Jordan. The following are Arches' donors, many upping their initial promise:

Irving Taylor Foundation for \$10k,

Luchetta for another \$8k on top of \$2 k donated plus provide a crane

Willowbrook donated \$7k

White Meadows Farms another &2k

Zavcor Trucking another &2k

Kwik Fit another \$3 K

Financial Planning Etc. Gave \$1 k and another \$1k

Lorraine and Richard Gretsinger gave \$2k and another \$1.5k

James Federico Engineering \$6,500

Paul and Jennifer Allen \$1,000.

Janet Cripps is working on donations from E.S. Fox, Cotton Cement (in kind), Paul Davis Restoration, Revel Realty (Ryan Seravelli ?) & United Flower Distributors.

Peter Papp asked Lally Homes for \$5k, James Federico reaching out to a.Homes by Antonio and Frank is also working on Mountainview Homes for another \$3,000. Frank also mentioned the cost of Paving stones of granite was exorbitant. The project is looking into other materials. We have to remove the stones already – may do the stones for \$10,000+ donations.

Return to the MCC – dates, requirements, etc. Dave said that we needed to have hybrid meetings to accommodate those who *can't* come in person. Mike commented that virtual is part of our new normal. **Dave.** MCC could upgrade our room – they've been given the money. **Mel on chat.** I agree with Dave and Mike. I support easing back to hybrid meetings in March. It shortens our meeting time when we don't have a meal. So BYOB makes sense. Our room rental is covered by Town so we don't have any extra room rental costs to go back to MCC. **Paul on chat.** Please, sit closer to your camera!

Request for Financial Support – GROW – Because we have a group supporting a similar business, etc., it was felt we needn't support another in the same field at this time.

New Member Proposal. Mel. Jeff Walters had been with the Welland Club for a short while. His dad was in the Welland Club. He's now back, selling for ReMax and is interested in the Fonthill Club.

Frank. My potential member's name is **Paul Morgan**, who has come to one of our meetings and is a former Rotarian from Jasper, Alberta. He's a KwikFit client and he let Frank know that he'd like to come out and be considered for membership.

Grant Ideas. Ann. We'll be dealing with grants as part of the Feb 16th regular meeting. Don't forget that the following week, February 23rd, is a 'no-meeting-day.' Ann will be going out to Victoria to see her daughter. Safe travels!!!1