



ROTARY CLUB OF FONTHILL

BOARD MEETING

January 12, 2021

Open meeting: – welcome everyone – Ann Harrison, David Schulz, Frank Adamson, Heather Scott, Paul Snack, Mel Groom, Troy Killick, Hugh Graham, and Annie Holtby

1. Land Acknowledgement: – Hugh

Note: Anishinabe - refers to the Ojibway nation and can be pronounced "A-nish-in-knob-eh"
Haudenosaunee - refers to the Six Nations of the Grand River Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca and Tuscarora and can be pronounced " Hoe-dee-no-show-knee"

We begin this gathering by acknowledging the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis and Inuit people and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

2. Toast: – Dave

To the Queen and Canada, To the Office of the President of United States, and To the President of Rotary International

3. 4 WAY TEST: – Annie

Of the things we think say or do

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build good will and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

4. Motion: to approve agenda (Board)

Moved: Ann Seconded: Dave Carried: All

Motion: to extend voting privileges to Club Directors for the purposes of this meeting (Board)

Moved: Ann Seconded: Dave Carried: All

Motion: to approve minutes of meeting of November 16, 2020

Moved: Mel Seconded: Heather Carried: All

Motion: to approve minutes of online meeting of December 7, 2020

Moved: Annie Seconded: Heather Carried: All

5. Review Financial report from Treasurer- Randy sent Hugh a Financial Update. It was an overview of what was in the bank and expenses still expected. There was some discussion. Randy said when money is needed for Arches, we will take it from the surplus. He always likes to have around \$17-18,000 for incoming president's year.

- Funds for community grant

Last year when we went out to the community to see if there were any identified needs, I Canter project for horse drawn mower was chosen. The club put up \$2500 and then tried for the grant. Do we want to do it again? Dave. As long as we have the funds we should do it. A lot of nonprofit groups are suffering. Ann. Do we know someone who has really struggled and then we don't need to send out requests for proposals; we can approach that one group. Heather. Health Care and Food related have done well – everyone donated here. Women's Shelters are seeing an increase in domestic violence and in need. Perhaps Wellspring? If we put \$2500 for another project, if we fund the N-O-T-L project, if we fund the Buffalo project..... Can we earmark the \$2500 for next year's project?

MOTION: That the Board set aside \$2500 for a request for a community project.

Moved: Ann Seconded: Mel Carried: ALL

Mel mentioned she has a meeting with Hospice Niagara re places for Hospice locations in Welland and Fort Erie. Heather noted it was a \$20 million capital project.

There was a question about our dues and what they covered. \$300 for the year. Most goes to Rotary International.

- Pay it forward project (club funds or member donations?)

Let's keep it to our Fonthill Club. How do we pay for it? Heather's idea of the equivalent of 2 breakfasts is a good one. That would be \$40 each. Hugh said the cards bought sit at Tim Horton's drive through. When you drive through, you ask them to hand out a card to the person behind. Dave suggested we dumb it down – designate the day and drive through asking the server to give to the person behind. Paul. Go with the idea of Valentine's Day which is on a Sunday. Forget the cards and just ask server to pay for the one behind or however many s/he knows the orders for already and do that for the days leading from meeting Day on the 10th Feb to Valentine's Day on the Sunday. Keeping it simple, just say Courtesy of the Rotary Club of Fonthill. We already agreed it was a good idea last meeting so no motion is necessary.

- Donation to WASH project presented last week by RC N-O-T-L

Last week's request was taken to a Cluster Grant Meeting and was denied because they hadn't fulfilled the attendance requirement that year. Welland's Cluster Proposal was approved. N-O-T-L applied to the District and was given approval to ask other clubs for help. The question is should we approve requests as they come in or should we go back to bi-annual consideration of requests? N-O-T-L's deadline is the end of January. Paul supported \$500. Mel commented that if we're supporting the Cluster Grant with \$1000 as opposed to individual requests from clubs, maybe that's where our donations go. Frank is hoping we'll keep supporting the Cluster grants. When Ann asked where the money was from when we signed the memo of understanding, the answer was from the TV Auction. Hugh liked Dave's suggestion to take it to the club but providing options for focus. Points for club to consider – adjudicate as the requests come in or do it twice a year as before. Give members a week to get back.

- Possible donation to Solar Lights project presented next week by RC Buffalo Sunrise

Thoughts included in above Donation to WASH presented last week by Rotary Club of N-O-T-L.

6. Ann – slate of officers & directors for 2021-2022
Randy is carrying on with Treasurer position. We still need a President Elect. People have been approached and have respectfully declined. If you would like to consider this position or have someone else in mind, please let Ann know.
7. MOU for District grants – deadline January 15,2021
MOU for following year needs President and President Elect to sign. Mel said she'd be willing to sign if needs be to get MOU in by this Friday.
8. New Business:
 - Great Lakes Water Day Cleanup
Thursday, April 22 is Earth Day. We now have 22 districts around Lakes Erie and Ontario involved. It has expanded to include the Watersheds for both lakes. The Fonthill Club has taken on Port Colborne where there is no longer a Rotary Club. The description that Frank sent to Hugh will get to membership.
 - Donate a Pint of Blood.
A number of the clubs on the US side have jumped on board as well. The night Frank went to give blood with the St Catharines Lakeshore club, the woman working that night was so impressed by their numbers she decided to join Rotary! There are two clinics coming up locally – Welland on January 23rd and Fonthill on February 12th.
 - Steve Bauer Trail
Hugh's Rotary thought. Rotary is an apolitical organization. We helped build the Trail. He still feels we shouldn't be supporting or NOT supporting as a Rotary group. Dave agreed. Paul talked to Gail about it and she's quite concerned and thinks because we did help build it that we should have a say. Mel concurs with Hugh and Dave that we don't take a stand one way or another. Dave said that Council had just voted to stop it. "Why didn't you say that earlier?"
 - Online Fundraising Workshop on January 26th
Pene Hutton sent the notice about this workshop to everyone. Hugh will remind the Club. Paul S signed up. Frank said that at least 4 clubs are doing it in the district.
9. Anything else for the good of Rotary?
Motion: to adjourn meeting
Moved: Mel Seconded: Frank