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## WEEKLY MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

Frank Adamson, Dave Schulz, Gail Levay, Bob Eamer, Troy Killick, Roy Kirkup, Annie Holtby, Carolyn Mullin, Hugh Graham, Mel Groom, Paul Snack, Mike Taylor, Kabir Ahmed, Lisa Davis (St Ann's) Michele Starwalt-Woods (15+ 9 with Lisa from School)

1. **Welcome Guests**-Kabir Ahmed (proposed member), Lisa Davis (St Ann's +9 from the school), Michele Starwalt-Woods District Membership Chair and District Governor Nominee Designate.
2. **Land Acknowledgement - Hugh**  
*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.*
3. **Toast – Hugh**  
To the Queen and Canada, To the Office of the President of United States, and To the President of Rotary International
4. **4-WAY TEST - Hugh**  
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?

### Invocation – Bob

With our friends beside us, and no person beneath us,  
With the bonds of Rotary between us, and our worries behind us,  
With our goals before us, and no task beyond us,  
With a thirst for knowledge, and a dream for a polio-free world,  
We are thankful for our Rotary friends.

### President's Report, Correspondence and Announcements. Troy

**Community Exposition.** Paul has signed us up. It's the same day as our Family Skate on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Dave is putting another sign up on the Skate sign up.

**FunFest** We need to nail down the name of FunFest.

**Guest Presentation: Niagara Nutrition Program,** Lisa Davis, Kindergarten teacher at St Ann's, Fenwick, and her Volunteers

**Presentation: Lisa Davis, Kindergarten teacher at St Ann's, Fenwick, and her Volunteers Sam, Stephan, Leon and Ben.**

First, without her wonderful and dedicated volunteers, Lisa says it would be impossible to achieve what they have done at St Ann's. I've been doing this for 9 years at St Ann's and 10 years prior in Welland. Paul Mocha, who is with us today, is our supportive principal. With him are our wonderful parent volunteers and their sons who have accompanied me today and will be helping with presentation. Lisa started the program with parent volunteers serving breakfast until Covid. Now, the boys come to the breakfast room, choose food to deliver and bring it to every classroom. Each box has cooling packs in it. They go back at the end of the day to pick up and then refrigerate whatever hasn't been opened for the next day.

The food is 'peanut and nut' free. With the \$1000 Rotary cheque that Ann brought to the school we were able to purchase three months of food. It's an ongoing need. We have a 50-60% need and some days 70% of the food is accessed. There's a big need. All kids eat a lot!

**What's the overall cost?** \$4000. Sobey's is a great donor giving \$2000 annually in gift cards. We have 135 kids in school. We order a lot from Lococo's including baby carrots, yogurt tubes and boiled eggs that are packaged 1 apiece.

**How do you ID kids?** Someone identifies them and puts in a form for each of them.

**Why do you do it (question to the boys – Sam, Stephan, Leon and Ben)** It's fun; I want to help; I enjoy it.

**Lisa.** It's a big commitment and I couldn't do it without their help. Every month I have to state financials. If you have surplus at end of school year, you start all over again in September. Food has to have nutritional content, e.g. granola bars and they disappear really fast!

**Hugh.** Thanked the parents for such fine young men.

**Principal Mocha** thanked Lisa and the boys for such a successful program.

**Paul** invited them all to the skate on Family Day.

**Troy.** Many thanks – Our Club holds literacy close and to thank our presenters, we make a donation to the Lincoln-Pelham Public Library in their names. I'd like to encourage the three going to EL Crossley to check out Interact – it's the high school equivalent of Rotary that Rotary sponsors and would allow your great volunteering to easily continue.

**St Ann's left for school start!**

**Discussion: Kabir.** How many members do we have? 26/27 + 2 next week.

**Breakfast possibility.** Perhaps the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday (for instance) at Domenic's could work. They'd be willing to open earlier if notice. What about talking to MCC about a coffee pot ready for us?

**Fun Farm Fest.** Still have to finalise some details. We need direction. We need:

- 1, Name
2. Establish a budget
3. Roles defined/people in place –Janet will help with sponsorship. Gavin on board but because he's new, a bit concerned about time.
4. Establish beneficiaries
5. Create an overview to get out there – it helps sponsor understand the concept.

**Names.** Farmsville, Family Fun Farm Fest, Rotary Family Farm Fest. **Family Farm Fest.** The last was the favored name.

**Roy** What fits already? Unicorns, Alpacas, Farm Equipment, Farm Implements and Flower Growers.

**Beneficiaries.** \$5000 to give out based on last year. **Carolyn.** DO we have to be specific? **Paul.** We need to position ourselves. Youth, etc. + Children's Association. Organisation would be in Pelham area. Big Brothers Big Sisters – when their name was used, we used their insurance – extra insurance needed for the bouncy castles. Otherwise we're covered by District insurance. **Paul** We'll get Carolyn's help with wordsmithing.

**Ticketing Option** Dave is in touch with a PC online – **Zeffy.**

They do ticketing, take donations, take credit cards and deposit into our account.

They take no fees but have a question at the end – Do you want to keep this platform?

**EventBrite's** fee is 10%. With Zeffy, there are opportunities for raising money ; the Y uses it.

**Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies – No time left today!**