



ROTARY CLUB OF FONTHILL

WEEKLY MEETING MINUTES

July 21st, 2021 (Zoom meeting 54)

ZOOMING: Hugh Graham, Ann Harrison, Paul Allen, Kris McEvoy, Mel Groom, Pat Duncan, Paul Snack, Frank Adamson, Meghan McNaughton, Keith McConkey, Jason Thompson, John Cappa, Bob Eamer, Gail Levay, Annie Holtby, Mike Taylor.

Regrets: Kevin Vallier, Dave Schulz (touring)

1. **Open meeting: – welcome everyone.** No guests today.

2. **Land Acknowledgement: Pat**

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: Mike T**

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: Mike T**

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?

5. **Invocation: Pat**

As we gather here today as members of Rotary, we pray that we are ever mindful of opportunities to render our service to fellow citizens and to our community. Keeping in mind always the enduring values of life, exerting our efforts in those areas and on those things upon which future generations can build with confidence. Let us continue to strive to make a better world. Amen

6. President's Report/Correspondence/Announcements:

a.) **Thank you** - Kris McEvoy, Committee members

I sent out a request for volunteers, asking for people to step up for help with Treasurer Randy's request for help in day to day chequing and banking. Kris McEvoy stepped forward to help out with the daily banking; Mel has also volunteered to be on the account and Bob who is a signee already will be able to view the account. Janet Cripps and Peter Papp have stepped up for the Fundraising Committee and Janet volunteered to help Mel with the Purse Bingo

b.) **Financial Update – Ann** - review of current financial status, bank accounts, commitments

We have \$66,129 in our general account, \$7,503 in our Fundraising Account and \$58,870 in the Arches' account. Dues received since July 1 \$2,550; Cheque for Library \$750.

Commitments: District Grant \$2500; Scholarships (EL Crossley) \$2,000; Scholarship Medallions \$240; Contingency Fund \$1,300; Butterfly Garden at Wellspring \$500; Thx to TD Bank for Years of Storage going to Wellspring \$500; Cluster Grant \$1000US; Foundation \$5,000; Arches \$5,000; Outstanding Payments \$700.

October and April were decided on as our months to help community projects. Requests from the community need to be in by September 20th and March 31st respectively.

c.) **Fundraising Planning - Paul Snack Chair**

	Fundraiser	Leads	Anticipated Fundraising
i.)	TV Auction	Hugh lead at District Level, Annie at Club Level	\$15,000
ii.)	Purse Bingo	Mel, Janet helping	\$5,000
iii.)	Fun Fest	Paul Allen and Paul Snack	??

Fun Fest engages other companies, groups. Bissell's gives park for Rotary use on Father's Day. Enjoy day. Connect with others. We have a green light for Father's Day in 2022.

iv.) Others to be determined

Paul. I expect everyone to be part of 1, 2, 3 or all. Fundraising is based on needs. We're always open to new ideas – if someone has an idea, please bring it forward. **Hugh** wants to encourage people to bring ideas to Paul. **Question.** Who's on committee? **Paul.** Paul A, Frank, Janet, Peter. More are welcome. Summer games are in 2022. **Bob.** Is there a target date for the 1st Bingo? **Mel.** Late January. **Frank.** The Summer Games people are working with 12 clubs. PenFinancial is the sponsor. We'll probably be hearing from them soon. Cycling is the event for Pelham. It will start and end at the Arches.

d.) **Committee Structures and opportunities for involvement**

Media. Dave Schulz is our Media Chair. He's always looking for people, e.g. writing news releases. Etc. He's always looking for that skill set.

Foundation. Foundation is looking to expand from a Chair (Annie) to a Committee. There are a number of things that we do during the year but the most fun and gives the most pride for all of us is when we have our Paul Harris Evening. We get to honour fellow members as well as community members who have made a difference. Everyone in the club has a chance to suggest a worthy recipient of Rotary's top award. The community has the opportunity to nominate the community honorees as well. Already we have stalwarts who have specific tasks – Pat's been our Gerber lady giving wherever we hold the event a cheery, classy and colourful touch. Gail, our archivist, brings our history to the table and she's always wo-manned the registration table

taking payment for dinner and providing directions. Different people have assisted her over the years. Those are two examples of the evening tasks themselves. There's lots of planning and decisions to be made before the evening. Andy has offered to help with the Foundation and the PH Evening. Mel in her Club Administration role is integral to the Evening. If there are others who might be interested in assisting, please let me know. I'm planning on some Foundation programs like we did when we had Sandi Chard from the District talk to us about the District and Zone Foundation Galas this spring. The Rotary Foundation is what funds our many projects globally and within the District. Half our Annual Fund donations go to each area – global *and* district. This has been a wee TRF moment. Also, an ask for interested parties to step forward! Thanks.

Hugh. Hugh is going to work on community structure. There are lots of opportunities to serve.

e.) **“Serve to Change Lives” will be the conversation for August’s general meeting. Ann.**

We'll be looking at how, as the Rotary Club of Fonthill. we're living up to the Serve to Change Lives motto.

f.) **Upcoming events and opportunities**

i.) **July 28th Social - new location – Hugh**

This is an evening social. Originally scheduled for Harold Black Park, I realised it was too busy there and booked Peace Park in the Bandshell section. We can have up to 100 people. I'm hoping for 40 but please bring guest. There will be a link on Clubrunner to register. I'm looking forward to that. Rotary swag will be available. Desserts and water will be available. Bring your chair, snack, and beverage

ii.) **August 18th Breakfast (tentative)**

We're looking at Peace Park location. It would be our first face to face Rotary Breakfast meeting. It would be a BYOB with second B for Breakfast!

iii.) **Presentation to Wellspring, Pelham Library**

We could make the presentations the morning of the 18th.

g.) **Arches Update - Frank and Ann**

For newer members, the Arches blew down in 2015 and it was deemed necessary to replace. Frank joined the Summerfest Committee and did a lot of fundraising. The Summerfest Committee committed to \$26,000. In Covid, they still wanted to move forward. Pelham Business Association committed to \$4,000. Luchetta Homes, GAIN Learning Centre, McEvoy Lelievre donated. Covid put a hold on everything. A letter went to all major donors asking if they were still interested. A letter was sent to the Community Foundation. Mountainview Homes has said that wood has come down 30%. Steel and Plastic Laminate is to come down too. We're hoping Summerfest will be back next year. It'll be downtown. **Ann.** Frank will be drafting a letter to the major donors of the arches to provide an update on the status of the project; we'll share it before sending out. Send your comments. **Questions?** Bob. Is there a change in design? They thought of moveable arches but it's a permanent structure that the Town wants. There are probably fewer arches. **Our Donations?** \$5,000 for this year and then 2 more years. We'll be kept informed.

h.) **Other items**

Pathstone Request. We need to get our responses to the Town (Vicki)

7. Happy loonies – **Troy**

Ann. Niagara Regional Health Clinics are open for walk-ins.

Annie. Happy that 6 concerts are happening. Safely!

Mike. Heading up north. Possibility of buying Parents' house.

Kris. August 18th will be a 1st in person breakfast!

Keith. Great week! I umpired my first 2 games and went to the gym twice!

Meghan. Back from our first vacation.

Paul S. My 'city boy' success in the garden growing giant zucchini's and 80 garlic plants

Jason. Happy everything is heading in the right direction.

Mel. I'm HAPPY!

Hugh. Happy here too!

Bob. I was happy to hear the word 'rumination' being used/

Troy. All of family is starting to 'do stuff.' I'm looking forward to seeing others in person.

8. No birthdays or wedding anniversaries listed in Club Runner for July

Rotary Anniversaries: Lance July, 2004; Pen Financial Corporate Membership July 2020

Next Meetings:

Wednesday, July 28th Social Meeting at the Bandshell - 6:30 pm - 8 pm

bring your own chairs - bring your own food/snacks/beverages (other than water)- bring your family/partner/children - we will provide water and desserts.

**Wednesday, August 4th, 2021 Zoom Meeting 7:30 am- Tanya McCreedy, Winterdance
Dogsled Tours**