

Rotary Club of Niagara Falls Sunrise

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 24, 2016



MacBain Community Centre 7150 Montrose Road, Niagara Falls, ON.

Present:, Tawnya Hartford, Dan Mazur, David Berry, Harry Walker, Olya Makerewich, Peter Feren, Don Cruikshank, BJ Romans

Absent: Diane Kon, Ross Durdan, Jennifer Schoenhals, Bob Smith

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:37 PM. DAVID BERRY: CHAIR

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

Motion to Adopt Minutes made by Don Cruikshank

Seconded by BJ Romans

Carried

3. ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING:

3.1.1. Potential changes to Board structure will be tabled until we have had our Vision Meeting

4. DIRECTORS REPORTS:

4.1.1 President (David Berry)

4.1.1 **Go Girls Big Brothers Big Sisters:** The Community Services committee had donated a small amount of money to purchase supplies to support this mentoring group called "Go Girls!" David attended their first meeting at St. Patrick's but left after the start-up

4.1.2 Vision Meeting: Wednesday, Nov 16th at Johnny Rocco's \$20 for Meal and meeting. Nancy and I met with Anne Birmingham of the region and she will facilitate the activity. We need a cross section of members. Anne would like to see about 20 people there. I set up registration via clubrunner and will mail special invitations to members.

4.1.3. District Conference at Batavia Downs: David Berry, Nancy Tkachuk, and Scott and Karen Wright attended. Interesting fellowship and sessions."

a) Food Packages: The Club purchased 100 packages and will donate them to Project Share. The conference made around 30,000 packages. Since the start of

this initiative through a couple of Rotarians, over 400 Million packages have been made and distributed.

b) Excellent Discussion of Membership, RI Resource material and Motivational initiatives were presented and a short summary will be reported to all within a week.

4.1.4 TV Auction: cutoff for donations was last Thursday (Oct. 20/16). All items to be entered into the wizard by Oct. 28/16. Scott Glover will be holding an auction meeting Monday evening (Oct. 24/16). Any changes will be announced to the Club.

4.2. Past President: (Peter Feren)

4.3. President-Elect: (Harry Walker):

4.3.1 No date in place yet for Paul Harris Night (February 23/17 has been suggested as it is “Paul Harris Day”), a number of venues are currently being looked into, The NF Rotary Club no longer has ties to The Cairn Croft, home to last year’s dinner

4.4. Treasurer: (Bob Smith)

4.4.1 SERVICE ACCOUNT \$65,670.59
GENERAL ACCOUNT \$3,688.02

5. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

5.1. New Generations: (Jennifer Schoenhals)

5.1.1 Jennifer was at Westlane and met with 10 students re: Youth Exchange

5.1.2 Jennifer will be speaking to Stamford students, date: TBD

5.1.3 Several members have been contacted about being host families. Jennifer suggests that Club pay for police checks. Board contends that all members over 16 in the household receive a police check.

5.1.4 Possibility of establishing an Interact Club at Westland (if other Club does not currently have one, would be best to focus on maintaining the one at Stamford for now)

5.1.5 Jennifer waiting to hear back from other NF Rotary Club to see if they give Rotary medalist awards to Westlane students

5.2 **Public Relations: (Tawnya Hartford)**

5.2.1. Tawnya busy with District PR duties in addition to her NF Rotary Sunrise PR duties

5.3 **PODs/Membership: (BJ Romans)**

5.3.1 October and November meetings have all got guest speakers assigned. Pod 4 has 2 meetings December 1 and 8 left to have speakers assigned.

5.3.2 A notice regarding assigning a mystery guest has been put into the article on pod structure and responsibilities. A reminder will be put inside the top of the cash box so the person at the door is reminded to choose the mystery guest.

5.3.3 A small calculator has been purchased to be placed inside the cash box to make it easier to do the account summary for each meeting.

5.4 **Community Services: (Diane Kon)**

5.4.1 The Rotary Club of Niagara Falls Sunrise has made commitments to support the following projects so far this year:

Big Brothers Big Sisters - City of Niagara Falls Arbour Day - Individual – Hearing Aids (not yet disbursed) - YWCA - Carousel Players - Bethlehem Housing and Support Services - District Conference via David Berry

5.4.2 The request for hearing aids has been approved by the committee, however, upon further conversation it was discovered that 2 other service clubs have also been approached for support. Therefore the request is on hold pending their decisions.

5.4.3 Additional requests for support have been received from STEM Camp and GNG Site of the NHS, which are currently under review by the committee.

5.4.4 Long term commitments of \$7,500 per year for Niagara Nutrition Partners school nutrition program in Niagara Falls, and \$5,000 for the Mending Children's Minds project with Pathstone Foundation (final installment) will be distributed later in the year.

5.5 **International Service (Don Cruikshank)**

5.6 **Vocational Committee: (Ross Durdan)**

5.7 Club Service: (Olya Makerwich)

- 5.7.1 Olya to contact Ron Lyons from NF Rotary Club re: Christmas Party (possible collection for Project SHARE)
- 5.7.2 Social event in the works for the Club slated for late January

5.9 Secretary: (Dan Mazur)

6. Other Business

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:45 pm

Proposed: Next meeting: November 28/16