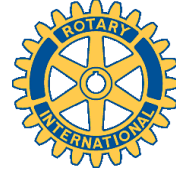


Rotary Club of Niagara Falls Sunrise

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 29, 2016



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

Present: Ross Durdan, Dan Mazur, David Berry, Harry Walker, Jennifer Schoenhals, ME Romans, Bob Smith, Tawnya Hartford

Absent: Diane Kon, Olya Makerewich, Peter Feren, Don Cruikshank

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:35 PM. DAVID BERRY: CHAIR

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

Motion to Adopt Minutes made by ME Romans
Seconded by Jennifer Schoenhals
Carried

3. ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING:

3.1.1. The cost for getting a police check for potential host family members is \$40. Members of the club to be reimbursed should they want to host exchange student. Initially we had decided that members of the household that were 16+ get police checks done as well. Jennifer suggested amending that to checks for 18+ members of the household.

4. DIRECTORS REPORTS:

4.1.1 President (David Berry)

4.1.1 Vision Meeting was a major success. (Results sent out to Membership)

4.1.2 Summary of Vision Meeting:

- A club of 50 diverse members
- Consistent marketing/community communication, better communication within club re: decisions made by board, upcoming activities, and recognition of birthdays, get well cards, etc.
- Community/Club Service would emphasize support for the elderly, Mental Health Mentoring, and a Community Park (legacy)
- Internationally, we'd like to develop youth literacy program and water project by twinning with an Internarial Rotary Host Club
- We are looking to support scholarships for youth in trades and professions, career mentoring in schools, and improve education and opportunities for Aboriginal youth

- We would like to ensure that the Youth Exchange Program is supported annually and to develop additional Interact Clubs with strong Membership.
- Looking to introduce new fundraising initiatives: Chase the Ace (\$180,000/annually)

- 4.1.3 New Visioning Committee will be needed as well to achieve the aforementioned goals as part of our 5 year plan
- 4.1.4 Board of Directors Structure: comments from Membership have been favourable. Proposal for new structure needs to be voted on and passed soon as the new 2017-18 Board has to be declared and reported to the District.
- 4.1.5 New Board Structure: 7 Board members (President, President Elect, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and one Member at Large (representation for Membership at Meetings)). A trial period of 6 months or 1 year has been proposed for the new format. To be discussed at December 8/16 Breakfast Meeting. Email will be sent out a couple days in advance re: the club Meeting/voting on new Board format.

Motion to add a Member at Large position to the Board made by ME
 Seconded by Jennifer
 Carried

4.2. Past President: (Peter Feren)

None submitted

4.3. President-Elect: (Harry Walker):

- 4.3.1 Paul Harris Night will be held on April 8, 2017
- 4.3.2 Dan to send out email to Membership looking for nominations. Nominees must be present to accept the award and their service to the community should not be part of their profession. Members can submit names, bios and why their candidates deserve to be nominated. Deadline: January 31/17

4.4. Treasurer: (Bob Smith)

- 4.4.1 SERVICE ACCOUNT: \$55,040.88
 GENERAL ACCOUNT: \$4795.92
- 4.4.2 Dues: Ann Davidson and Ted Salci have yet to pay Membership dues. Scott Glover still owes \$65.

5. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

5.1. New Generations: (Jennifer Schoenhals)

- 5.1.1 James Maino has emerged as an excellent candidate for the International Exchange Program. BJ and Jennifer met with him at William's on November 26 for 2 hours. Jennifer has suggested that the Board support Jennifer and BJ's decision to send James to the District for the next round of interviews. His Mom is very supportive and could potentially become a Member of our club.
- 5.1.2 We will be needing contact information for our Rotary Medalists
- 5.1.3 Westlane High School is okay with us stabling an InterAct Club there despite the other NF Club having one.

5.2 Public Relations: (Tawnya Hartford)

None Submitted

5.3 PODs/Membership: (ME Romans)

- 5.3.1 Pod 3 has coordinated great speakers for the month of November. Pod 4 takes over responsibilities for December. Currently, Tawnya has made connections for the first 2 meetings but they have not yet been confirmed. Santa will come on Dec 15, and the last 2 meetings of the year are cancelled for Christmas and New Year. Pod 4 has been reminded about taking over for the Dec 1 Meeting. Pod 1 takes over in January; 1 meeting of which has been arranged at this point.
- 5.3.2 **Report from Membership.**
BJ would like to thank Dave Berry for the great visioning meeting. A target of 50 members has been set to be achieved over the next 5 years. Peter Feren has volunteered to assist with this committee. We will seek other members to join us, and will meet in January.
- 5.3.3 Additionally, as was recommended at the visioning session, BJ has prepared a list for the year of birthdays and number of years in Rotary. Information needs to be updated/ corrected in the database since there are some inaccuracies (e.g. only 26 members accounted for birthdays, and Scott Wright joining Rotary in 2011!)

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 (Go Girls Project) Boys and Girls Club (Christmas Dinner) City of Niagara Falls Arbour Day (tree planting) Individual – Hearing Aids (Connect Hearing) YWCA (supplies) Carousel Players (Niagara Falls school performances) United Way of Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie (Film Event) Niagara Falls Community Outreach (stainless serving table) ONE Foundation for NHS (towards urology laser) Bethlehem Housing and Support Services (Housing Hero) District Conference via David Berry*

5.4.2 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)

None submitted

5.6 Vocational Committee: (Ross Durdan)

5.6.1 Ross hoping to have members of the Stamford InterAct Club to attend the December 8th Breakfast meeting

5.7 Club Service: (Olya Makerwich)

None submitted

5.9 Secretary: (Dan Mazur)

5.9.1 Dan has continued to update the website, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn with Rotary news and pictures. He has also been submitting monthly updates to the District Newsletter.

6. Other Business

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 pm

Proposed: Next meeting: February 6, 2017

