**ROTARY CLUB OF SEWARD**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**December 1, 2015 11:00 AM – BREEZE INN**

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| **2015 – 2016 Board** | | **Attended** |
| President | Lori Draper | X |
| Vice President | Deb Altermatt | X |
| Treasurer | Skip Reierson | X |
| Secretary | Joe Fong | X |
| President-Elect | Lori Draper |  |
| Past President | Kristi Larson | X |
| Member-at-Large | Karen Sefton | X |

**Meeting Called to Order at 11:10am**

1. **REVIEW PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
   * November 3, 2015 minutes reviewed

**Action:** Deb moved minutes be approved; Kristi seconded; board voted and minutes approved as written.

1. **TREASURER’S REPORT / 2015-2016 BUDGET**

* Skip presented the 2015 – 2016 Budget
* Highlighted the Valentine / Cruise raffle and Duck Race fundraisers net $12,400
* Discussed Lunch Income shortfall, due to decrease in total lunch paying members
  + New members who are not paying for lunch are not impacting this number since most weeks we do not have more than 20 attendees and we have not been charged extra by the Breeze for those weeks
* On the expense side, did not include Youth Exchange expense since we did not have a student identified by Dec 1 deadline (about $5,000)
* Lori brought to the board that Jake Collins called and indicated that Homer had 2 very strong incoming candidates and asked if we would sponsor one of them
  + Board discussed. This would be for the 2016/2017 year and expense would be incurred in next budget cycle
  + Board decided this was in line with a commitment to the Youth Exchange program and would commit to sponsor the second candidate identified by Homer.

**Action:** Joe motioned; Deb seconded; board voted and approved the 2015/2016 Budget as presented

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **2015/2016 BOARD ELECTIONS**

* Positions available and nominees
  + President Elect – Joe Fong
  + Vice President
  + Secretary
  + Treasurer – Skip Reierson
  + Member at Large
* Lori will serve as President for another year and Kristi as Past President
* Discussed ideal candidates would be willing to consider advancing to President in the future
* Discussed possible candidates among membership
* Lori will ask for nominations during meeting and vote will occur in January

**Action:** Lori will ask for nominations during Dec meetings (1st and 8th) and vote will occur in January.

1. **DICTIONARY PROJECT**

* Dec 9 – will co present with Lion’s Club to students
  + Rotary to 3rd graders, Lions to 4th and 5th graders
  + Lori suggested we take the extras and go to Moose Pass or Hope elementary schools

**Action:** Lori will discuss during meeting, asking for volunteers to help distribute

1. **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

* December 19th – two shifts; 8-10:30am and 10:30-12:30pm
* Reviewed protocol written based on last year’s event
* Need more people per shift, about 4
* TYC will arrange photographer (Allen and Tina King)
* We should wear our Rotary Shirts
* George agreed to cook again this year

**Action:** A sign-up sheet will be passed around during meeting for volunteers

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **WILLIAM SEWARD’S 150th BIRTHDAY**

* Willard Dunham has asked if Rotary would contribute / play a role in the 150th birthday celebration (2017)
* The City Centennial New Year’s celebration was a fun event and may be a model to try and duplicate
* Skip indicated it would be nice to have annually during a club meeting on or close to Seward’s Day, agenda dedicated to Seward, whether about William Seward, or about the purchase, City history etc
* Agreed to start a committee to look at options and possible costs

**Action:** Start a committee to investigate further. Ask Willard if he would chair

1. **Membership**

* Tara has searched and uploaded photos to ClubRunner for many of the members
  + If they don’t like, they can change, or email her a different picture for her to upload
* Suggests asking those that attended summer membership drive but were not available to join at that time to attend an upcoming meeting / event in December to see if they would be interested in joining, effective Jan 1
  + Dec 8 – club meeting
  + Dec 9 – Dictionary presentation
  + Dec 15 – Holiday Party
  + Dec 19 – Breakfast with Santa
* Discussed whether we should invite to all or just one
  + Determined all since most probably couldn’t attend all
  + This would show potential members a variety of things we do
* Discussed dues for any of this group that joined
  + Since they were part of the original membership drive, they would not pay for lunch through the end of this Rotary year (June 2016)
* Discussed what “Friends of Rotary” category was
  + There is flexibility
  + Generally they would get emails and notifications but would need to pay for lunch or other events covered by the club

**Action:** Ask members who indicated they would help reach out to invite potential members to remaining December events.

1. **Christmas Party**

* Options for location – Lutheran Church or Hotel 360
* 6:30pm
* Rotary will provide beverages
* Pot luck
* Gift exchange – if one of the potential members are coming, sponsor should bring a gift on their behalf so they can participate in the exchange / White Elephant Exchange

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:50am**