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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Elliott Gunnell

Invocation: Susan Mozena

GUESTS

Kevin Cox, Interact Advisor. Laine Johnson, Interact Member. Megan Gunnell, guest of Elliott Gunnell.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Murray Davis (5/20), Ted Everingham (5/22), and Laine Johnson (5/24).

ANNIVERSARIES

Jeremy Henner, 3 years. Peter Stroh, 3 years. Bill Roach, 3 years. Ted Everingham, 20 years. Jim Fikany, 22 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Interact

-- George McMullen is eligible to collect social security in June.

-- Our guest, Megan Gunnell, a clinical social worker, is forming a new company called the Thriving Wellness Institute.

-- Kevin Cox will be attending a wedding in New York this summer.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Mike Carmody provided an update on what the Club Board and its various committees have been working on. (1) After 68 years at the War Memorial, the Club is changing

its meeting location to the GP Yacht Club as of July 1st. (2) There has been a revival of the tool collection at the GP Library. Our Club donated \$1,000 to help purchase new tools and labels have been affixed to each one to show the GP Rotary/GP Library connection. (3) There is a plan to rehab the Tot Lot at Elworthy Field. A fundraising effort will soon be underway, publicized in the GP News and Grosse Pointe Magazine, to raise money to purchase new playground equipment by December, to be installed in March, 2020. The proposed budget is from \$150,000 to \$225,000 to make this happen and it will be ADA compliant.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Elliott Gunnell and Enya Nguyen -- Grosse Pointe South Interact Club.

This year's Interact officers were President Elliott Gunnell, Vice-President Enya Nguyen, Secretary Lloyd Dennis, and Treasurer Wyatt Dennis. Its goal was to impact common humanity and have fun doing it.

The Club had a two prong approach to the year. (1) Create a positive club environment by having an active and engaged community with icebreakers and activities. (2) Have tangible service projects with easy, local, and convenient opportunities and then conduct post project debriefings to gauge the impact of each one.

An area that the Club was looking to improve on was its communication to members and to the South population at large. It did this by creating a website, www.gpsinteract.org, increasing its Instagram and

Facebook presence to bring the students' parents into the mix, using Google Forms to make it easier to sign up online, and using a mobile App to text reminders to its members.

This past year's volunteer activities included: GP Rotary Run, Lunches of Love, Kids against Hunger, SOC fall raking, Moross Greenway clean-up, Forgotten Harvest, and a book drive that collected 1,000 books for a Harper Woods Elementary School.

Enya's goals as next year's President is to maintain steady numbers at the weekly meetings, reach out to all students at South through social media, and to offer more in-school and out-of-school opportunities to its members.

George McMullen finished with a summary of Interact in general and thanked Kevin Cox for all of his hard work as he is completing his 11th year as the Club's advisor. He then noted how involved both Elliott and Enya are and wished Elliott luck as he plans on graduating in December and then attending college in Sweden.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$474 in the pot with \$237 going to the winner. Mark Cory purchased the winning ticket but couldn't find the joker. Thank you to Charvat the Florist for the beautiful arrangement.

CALENDAR

May 29: Wesley Berry – Author: Big Things Have Small Beginnings

Jun 05: Kristy Schena – Kids on the Go