

PRESENT: Chuck Chase, Theresa Soto (ZOOM), Carrie Dillon, Gerry Burg, Michele Gardner, Bob Gardner, Rhonda Gage, Grace Garno, Kathy Williams. **ABSENT:** Rod Pender **GUESTS – NA** Meeting started at 5:00pm

Secretary's Report

- a. Yours Truly shared the minutes with the board.

Motion by G. Burg and seconded by K. Williams to accept the report as submitted. PASSED

Treasurer's Report

- a. Rhonda presented financials for the month of October.
- b. Balance as of 10/30/24 is \$41,379.80; YTD Revenue: \$16,001; YTD Expenses: \$12,700; \$11,530 in "Unallocated" funds available to distribute or award.
- c. Still to be deducted from the "Unallocated" amount is the recent gift (\$1,000) to the Hendersonville, NC Rotary Club (Hurricane Helene Relief Fund).
- d. \$840 was collected from members paying their second half dues billing that will go to the Adrian Rotary Foundation; \$950 was also collected for the RI Foundation from the recent dues billing..

Motion by B. Gardner and seconded by M. Gardner to accept the Treasurer's report. PASSED

NEW BUSINESS

1. Nominating Committee

- a. The official ballot will be sent out electronically by the Secretary two (2) weeks prior to the December 5th election. Paper ballots will be distributed at the December 5th meeting to those who did not vote electronically.
- b. Candidates are: Catherine Sala (President Nominee); Gerry Burg, Londa Pickles, Nelson Douglass (The 2 open board seats); Rhonda Gage (Treasurer); Yours Truly (Secretary). No nominations will be taken from the floor on December 5th.

2. Fundraiser Numbers 2019-2024/Bike Tour/Wreaths

- a. President Carrie reported that our club ordered 300 wreaths this year and that there were 25 extra wreaths ordered. The cost of each wreath = \$30; our cost is \$18@; the club's revenue is \$12 per wreath.
- b. Thanks to Bo Trout once again for the free pickup and delivery!
- c. Suggestion made to form an actual Fundraising Committee. Kathy and Rhonda agreed to serve on the committee.

3. Club Business Meeting on November 21st

- a. This will be the time we revisit the suggestions from our July 2023 Visioning Session – namely the frequency of meetings and location.
- b. President Carrie handed out copies of the form that will serve as a homework assignment..

4. Legacy Dinner @ Crystal Gardens (Nov 21)

- a. Seven from our club will be attending! One seat left.

5. Request for Donation

- a. Yours Truly made a presentation regarding a request by his colleague at Lenawee Now and a current AC student Franco van Oordt, on behalf of the *International Student Organization* (501C3) at Adrian College asking for between \$470 and \$940 to fund one to two Optional Practical Training Visas (OPT) that would allow 1-2 foreign students to remain in the area and work for an employer for up to 12 months.

Motion by G. Burg and seconded by G. Garno to purchase one (1) OPT for \$470. PASSED

REMINDERS

- **11-12-24** – Social Event: Chip and Cindy Moore's at 6:30PM
- **11-21-24** – Regular meeting will be focused on club business (Assignment given)
- **11-23-24** – Service project at Daily Bread – serving Thanksgiving Dinner on Tecumseh Street in Adrian
- **11-26-24** – Wreaths dropped off at Goodwill at 9:30AM – need volunteers
- **11-27-24** – Joint Kiwanis/Rotary Clubs Service Lunch – 11:45AM-1:00PM at The Center's

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Bob mentioned that he would like to do a debrief of the recent Lenawee Bike Tour; Gerry said we might need to find another date since a lot occurs on that weekend; suggestion made to possibly partner with Adrian Public Schools and share the profits. All agreed that we need to attract more riders. Bob to explore with Jacob some other ideas (i.e. Foot race in conjunction with the Bike Tour), T-Shirts still available – can just give away to members.
- We need members to submit fundraising ideas. We need to promote what we do in the Lenawee Voice newspaper and on Facebook.
- Need to contact Laura Lunman at the Salvation Army to arrange the Annual Bell Ringing project at Hobby Lobby.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm - Respectfully submitted by C. Chase - **Next board meeting** – November 10th at 5PM at Comfort Inn