

**PRESENT:** Chuck Chase, Theresa Soto (ZOOM), Carrie Dillon, Gerry Burg, Michele Gardner, Bob Gardner, Kathy Williams, Rod Pender, Rhonda Gage and Grace Garno. **ABSENT:** None **GUESTS – NA**

**Meeting called to order at 5:03PM by President Carrie**

### Secretary's Report

- a. Yours Truly shared the minutes of the January 2024 meeting with the board.

**Motion by Burg and seconded by Pender to accept the report as submitted. PASSED**

### Treasurer's Report

- a. Rhonda presented financials for the month of January.
- Beginning balance at the end of December was \$45,595.49.
  - As of 1/31/25 balance is \$48,059.29
  - Considering checks not cleared of \$3,403.03 leaves the club a balance of \$43, 456.26
- b. Theresa reported on Club Operations:
- YTD REVENUE is \$15,170.67 against a budgeted amount of \$18,100.00; EXPENSES are \$15,594.66 against the budgeted amount of \$24,559.00 leaving a deficit of \$6,459.00
    - Theresa commented that as club size shrinks, our costs remain the same.
    - Fourteen members still owe dues. When paid, we can realize an additional revenue of \$2,100 Rhonda said.
  - SPECIAL PROJECTS: Revenue of \$28,117.00 against a budget of \$43,731.00; EXPENSES of \$18,555.87 against a budgeted amount of \$37,272.00
    - ARF has reimbursed us approximately \$8k so far out of a total of \$21k

**Motion by G. Burg and seconded by K. Williams to accept the Treasurer's report. PASSED**

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Sponsorships – Theresa/Gerry

- a. **Lenawee District Library request:** \$1,000 for “prizes” for their Summer Reading Program
- This was **tabled** since the money would be used for prizes and not for books. They will be contacted to request them to rewrite request if they will be using our donation to purchase books and not prizes.
- b. **Moriyama Student Exchange Program request:** \$2,000 for airfare (an increase of \$200 from their last request which is in our current budget)
- c. **Adrian District Library request:** \$2,000 to purchase books for their Summer Reading Program (This also is in our current budget)

**Motion by G. Burg and seconded by K. Williams to accept the donation requests for the Moriyama Student Exchange Program (\$2,000) and the Adrian District Library (\$2,000). PASSED**

#### 2. Fundraising Committee - Michele

- a. Michele reported that the committee is looking into hosting a **Steak Fry** (this fall) like the Clinton Club did for years. Her committee will reconvene to discuss further. All other clubs in the county will be invited to attend. Steve Clegg from the Clinton Club would be good to talk to.
- The **Onion Sales Project** was discussed again and it might be too late to place an order. No decision made for or against.
  - **Tulip Bulb Sales** was also discussed. Was met with a lukewarm response.
  - **Las Vegas Part Fundraiser** was discussed as a potential fundraiser. It is highly regulated. Civitan has made money from doing this in the past, others have not.
  - **Beer Tent** at Devils Lake was discussed. We could sell Beer in Adrian but not sure if we can within DARA district. Don Taylor could advise us further.
  - **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike Tour** – Bob said was a “go” and will be speaking with Jacob Cooper. Need to make sure that when we do plan it, we select a date that is not in conflict with any other major events.

We can always combine a group Run with this if we want. Maybe we have just a Run this year because it is a bigger draw. Suggestion to engage a Bill Kenyon or Sam Skeels to bounce questions off of.

### 3. AM Merger Information

- a. Carrie shared details of the recent meeting with the AM Club and passed out separate docs from herself and Jim Hartley listing possible joint goals, similarities as well as differences with finances and By-laws. Carrie said she suspected that our club will want to move faster than the AM Club who suggest a one year timeframe.
  - President Carrie suggested we survey our membership to see who is in favor of the merger.
  - Both clubs agreed that a member from each club attend the other's meeting to streamline communication between both clubs
  - Suggestion by Jim Hartley to keep our possible "merger" under wraps for the time being to prevent rumors
  - Next meeting with reps from each club – March 20 at 7PM
  - AM Club, who formed in 2000, meets twice a month on Wednesday mornings at 7AM and one social a month.

### 4. Pavilion Update - Bob

- a. Bob is dealing with Jeremiah Davies at The City who is excited to partner with us. They have plans to build a \$250k structure. Bob said he suggested to Jeremiah that we pay for the materials that would build the two ends which might qualify the club to get its name somewhere on the building.
  - The Fee Estate money the City has cannot be used to fund this project.
- b. Chuck spoke about the grants he has been exploring. The contacts at the District are Rajen Chetty and Rick Caron. Rajen was contacted but got no response. Rick was contacted and still waiting for a response.
  - We need to make sure we have a rep from the club participate in the annual District Grant Training via ZOOM on either March 12 or 18. Theresa to be our rep.

### 5. Rotarian of the Year Nomination

- a. A request to get word out about this and encourage nominations.

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### OPEN DISCUSSION

- G. Burg mentioned that, typically, when we support the **District Golf Outing** that all players need to be members of the club if we are going to pay for them. The group agreed. They also agreed that, in the event we do not have enough to play to make up the foursomes required, we can ask non-Rotarians who would have to pay for themselves.
- G. Burg updated the board on his conversation with **Michener Elementary** (K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and has 250 students) to explore ways we could assist the kids either financially or in terms of time and that it would "*be received with open arms*" as they are "*so needy*". They are open to ALL possibilities. One suggestion they offered was assistance in moving their playground to the other side of the building. Examples offered included a Mitten Drive, Valentine Party, help out on a Game Night, taking kids to the Croswell for a production (Michener Night at the Croswell/Symphony), etc. Gerry suggested drafting a 5-question survey for our club members and ask "*what would you feel comfortable doing?*" Tiffany Olsaver is a key person at Michener. Any involvement members have with children would require a background check.
  - **Next step:** Gerry to reach back out to Tiffany and the school principal to ask them how we could help specifically.
- A total of 14 members at this writing have not paid their dues. Stephanie Kuiper and Cindy Sutherland are resigning.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13pm/Respectfully submitted by C. Chase

**Next board meeting** – March 11th at 5PM at Comfort Inn