

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

Meeting called to order at 5:05PM by President Carrie

Secretary's Report

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

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

Treasurer's Report

- a. Theresa presented financials for the month of December.
 - a. For the first 6 months of the year: REVENUE is \$12,436.67; EXPENSES are \$12,693.93
 - b. SPECIAL PROJECTS: Revenue of \$27,867.00; EXPENSES of \$18,555.87; NET REVENUE for first 6 months = \$9,311.13. Club operating costs of \$4,359.00 comes out of this figure.
 - c. \$12,000 is available to use.
 - d. Adrian City Band check was cashed last November.
 - e. Club balance as of 1/1/25 - \$44,515.49

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sponsorships

- a. NONE

2. Fundraising Committee

- a. Michele announced that she convened the committee. Anxious to start meeting on the off week once a month with the first one at the Centre' this coming Thursday.
- b. Considerable discussion around how to engage members to a greater degree. Suggestion made to work closer with the AM Club and even join clubs. Perhaps go to their meetings twice a month and they come to ours. Also discussed how the AM Club might feel about combining with ours.
- c. Group suggested maintaining the meeting schedule (1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month).
- d. Discussion about community projects – i.e. Pickleball Pavillion
 - i. Carrie to talk with President Jim Hartley about a collaboration
 - ii. Chuck to explore district grant opportunities
 - iii. Bob to contact the City of Adrian (Parks & Rec Department)
 - iv. Gerry to contact Nate Parker from APS
 - v. Board will consider the \$12,000 (minus the \$2,500 for a district grant) we have in our coffers as seed money
- e. Gerry mentioned that APS will be building a community center that we might consider supporting in the future.

3. Networking Plan

- a. President Carrie provided a 2-page document listing 6 major strategies our club could undertake to “ensure effective engagement and growth” that include: *Identify target audiences, Leverage social media, Host networking events, Mentorship opportunities, Community impact, and Consistent interaction.*

CLOSING REMINDERS

- **1-14-25** – Next regular board meeting at 5PM at The Comfort Inn
- **1-16-25** – Rotary Fellowship at 12PM – No Program at The Centre'
- **1-23-25** – Regular meeting at the Centre'. Program by Bob Behnke

OPEN DISCUSSION

- President Carrie mentioned we received a *Thank You* letter from Maurice Spear Campus.
- President Carrie announced that there was no special fund as yet set up by the District to help with the LA fires relief effort. Yours Truly shared with the group a few sites we could make donations to and would explore further. Group agreed to wait on making any commitment at this time.

- Next club social – February 9th at the Gardner’s house – Superbowl Sunday!!
- All gave President Carrie kudos for all of the work she has done these past one and a half years!!

Meeting adjourned at 6:14pm/Respectfully submitted by C. Chase

Next board meeting – February 11th at 5PM at Comfort Inn