

**PRESENT:** Chuck Chase, Theresa Soto, Carrie Dillon, Gerry Burg, Michele Gardner, Bob Gardner, Kathy Williams, Rhonda Gage and Grace Garno. **ABSENT:** Rod Pender **GUESTS –** Jim Hartley, Chip Moore

**Meeting called to order at 5:01PM by President Carrie**

**Open Discussion:** President Hartley of the Adrian Morning Rotary Club was on hand to answer any questions about the proposed merger of the two clubs.

- Committee has decided to wait on letting DG Nick know until more discussion ensued and to determine what each club wanted to happen.
- President Jim said he doesn't really know where we're going to land with this, that we're early in our discussion and that it will take much time to work through all of the details. Some members from each club are in favor of merging, yet some are not.
- In either case, we'll probably be stronger and find more ways to work together.
- AG Rhonda said that the District is actually encouraging clubs to start new clubs.

### Secretary's Report

- a. Yours Truly shared the minutes of the February 2025 meeting with the board.

**Motion by B. Gardner and seconded by K. Williams to accept the report as submitted. PASSED**

### Treasurer's Report

- a. Rhonda presented financials for the month of February.
  - Beginning balance at the end of January was \$48,059.29.49.
  - As of 2/28/25 balance is \$47,297.86
  - Considering checks not cleared of \$5,200 leaves the club a balance of \$42,097.86
  - Check to CVS for Bo's \$250 Gift Card has not cleared yet!
  - Kathy suggested not to make copies for everyone of the checks each month.
- b. Theresa - Club Operations:
  - In the interest of time, Theresa asked everyone to review the documents as opposed to discussing them.

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

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Service Projects - Chip

- a. **Fluency Friends** is going on now.
- b. **Pavilion Project** is under consideration (See #8 below).
- c. **City Band Concerts** will begin this summer which we'll be a part of again.
- d. **City of Adrian's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**
  - Scheduled for this July. The club could have a booth and sell beer to raise money for the pavilion.
  - Gerry recommended putting our Christmas Tree up with a sign on it at Comstock Park since our anniversary clock is there. Also, a banner stretched across Maumee Street by County Market.
  - The Mayor and Commissioner Roberts are scheduled to make a presentation at our regular meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the event arrangements.
  - Chip to speak to Jim Berryman about this.
- e. **Partnering ideas with Michener Elementary School**
  - Helping with adding equipment to their playground as well as financial assistance. Gerry has a list (i.e. Scholarships, snow pants and other clothing items, funds to cover filed trip entry fee, Toledo Zoo/Henry Ford Museum trip, money for books, etc.).
  - We could hire *Student 1* bus to handle transportation. Individual needs there are great, Gerry said. Members who want to chaperone would need to have background checks. Could be ongoing.
  - **Next Steps:** Gerry to speak with the Michener principal, get pricing for transportation (90 students) to the Toledo Zoo and packages the Zoo could put together by next month's meeting.

#### 2. Sponsorships – Theresa

- a. **Lenawee District Library request:** \$1,000 for the Summer Reading Program to purchase books.

- b. **Books for Fluency Friends Program** - \$500 (in budget)
- c. **Lenawee 4H** - \$2,500 for materials for their camp.

**Motion by K. Williams and seconded by M. Gardner to approve all three for \$4,000. PASSED**

3. **Rotarian of the Year** - Chuck
  - a. There have been 4 nominations made so far.
4. **Changeover Dinner** - Carrie
  - a. Jim Hartley said his club is very excited to have another joint Changeover.
  - b. Date set – July 9 with DGE Morrow attending at the Adrian Armory & Events Center
5. **Clubrunner Issues** - Chuck
  - a. Checking into why Michele and Chip are not getting correspondences.
6. **Grant Update** – Chuck
  - a. Chuck drafted and gave to Bob and he signed it and gave it back.
7. **Pavilion Project** - Bob
  - a. Bob spoke with Jeremiah Davies at The City who said they were considering parking and restrooms.
  - b. Bob spoke with Luke at Sam Beauford who wants to help – the wood frame would cost \$11,000 and labor would be free without concrete expenses.
  - c. Bob said he'd like to see it built between 7/1/25 and 6/30/26.
  - d. Suggestion that City put in the footers and pour the concrete and our club erects the actual structure. City will be reapplying for a grant again soon. If awarded, it will be in December of this year. First one was denied.
  - e. Bob said that Jeremiah said that we could not use Fee Estate money for this.
  - f. Bob suggests we discuss how much the club wants to put into the project as *"The City would be willing to take whatever we could give them"*.
  - g. Bob signed the District Grant Request. The Secretary will forward to the District Grant Chair. Project cannot be started until grant has been awarded or we are disqualified.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

- Chip suggested the club do something in observance of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Adrian's founding the week of July 7<sup>th</sup> with the AM Club.
- Michele announced that our socials this month will be:
  - **Wednesday, March 19 – Bowling at Lenawee Rec (ZiZi's)** from 5-6:30PM. Members can stay afterwards
  - **Saturday, April 5 – Final Four Basketball Party** at the Gardner's 6PM. BYOB/Bring a dish to pass/Tacos to be served/*Betting Squares Sheet* to be pulled together by Chip & Bob for the 4 teams playing in the finals.
- Theresa to attend the virtual Grant Writing Seminar tomorrow night.
- Secretary discussed the ballot DG Nick sent listing the 2 candidates that will be voted upon by each of the clubs in the District. Ballots will be distributed at our meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March and counted and the majority will be the selection. We have one vote.
  - Candidates are:
    - **Scott Collier** (Rotary Club of Leamington) who was the District's original ask while a **Therese Maggiancalda** (Rotary Club of Passport to Service) threw her hat in the ring as well.
    - Chip suggested that the board recommends their choice to the full membership at the voting meeting.
- Secretary mentioned that the Blissfield Rotary Club member who attend our meeting last week forwarded a possible International Project in Uganda to us for consideration that the board was not really interested in. Secretary to let them know.
- Gerry suggested we place articles in the Lenawee Voice monthly newspaper to promote our club.

#### **Closing Reminders**

- March 12 and 18 – Grant Management Seminar
- March 20 – Meeting speaker – Sheriff Troy Bevier
- March 20 – meeting with the AM Rotary on Potential merger discussion.

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

**Next board meeting** – April 8th at 5PM at Comfort Inn