

PRESENT: Chuck Chase, Theresa Soto, Michele Gardner, Bob Gardner, Gerry Burg, Rod Pender, Grace Garno, Londa Pickles.

ABSENT: Rhonda Gage **GUESTS – NA**

Meeting called to order at 5:12PM by President Bob

Secretary's Report

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

Motion by L. Pickles and seconded by G. Garno to accept the Secretary's report as submitted. PASSED

Treasurer's Report

- Theresa presented financials for the month of September
 - Beginning balance at the end of September is \$46,297.47 vs July of \$35,843.38
 - Checks written + not cleared: \$3,671.31
 - Unallocated funds: \$29,626.00
 - 31 members have paid their dues
 - Ending balance: \$51,850.16

Motion by G. Burg and seconded by M. Gardner to approve the budget as submitted. PASSED

NEW BUSINESS

1. Wreath Sales

- a. QR Code – President Bob signed papers at the bank to create the account to allow online purchases.
- b. The AM Club has agreed to distribute wreaths from Goodwill with us on November 25th and requested all be counted as they are unloaded.
- c. We net about \$9 for every wreath sold. Suggestion to create a simple spreadsheet to track number sold and amount paid.
- d. Will want to sell extras at the Annual Joint Rotary/Kiwanis Pre-Thanksgiving luncheon.
- e. We have orders from our club for 149. The board agreed that we order 180 in total.
- f. Group agreed that members who sell wreaths won't have to bring in their money until they are actual sold and members receive money from buyers. The club would pay for all wreaths we ordered out of club funds.
- g. Theresa to collect money at the table at our regular meetings.

2. Lenawee Bike Tour Debrief

- a. Latest tally – approximately \$16,000 in gross revenue. Could net close to \$11,000.
- b. Letters to sponsors will be going out along with a half page ad in The Lenawee Voice thanking everyone, too.
- c. Probably a good idea to have a formal debrief meeting with the committee.
- d. Gerry and Chuck expressed concern over the lack of riders each year. Might be time to come up with another project.
- e. Should think about having a Club Assembly at one of our regular meetings to discuss new club fundraising ideas.

3. Polio Plus Campaign

- a. Coupon for Aubrey's the proceeds of which (20% and split by the AM Club) will go to support this cause. We will email flyer to members.
- b. Adrian Farmers Market – 6 dozen cookies made by Morning Fresh and sold and we made \$75! We may be at the Madison Market as well.
- c. Michele mentioned that Kathye gave her a Rotary blanket that she wants us to raffle off at a future meeting.

4. Pavilion Update

- a. President Bob said we need to speak with Raisin Twp officials as the property is in their jurisdiction. They did approve!
- b. Bob to speak with Luke again to nail down cost of materials. The SBWI may or may not be involved in the building phase.

5. Donation Requests

- a. **Sam Beauford Woodworking Institute** – Requesting for \$2,500 for AED's. Londa said those are available through the fire departments and the grant process.

- **Motion by G. Burg and seconded by M. Gardner to table as the donation is needed by 12/31. PASSED**
- b. **Rea Literacy** – Requesting \$1,500 for their reading program.
 - **Motion by C. Chase and seconded by T. Soto to donate \$500. PASSED**

6. Hybrid Meetings Update

- a. At our last regular meeting we had a couple of members ZOOM in and the group agreed to continue offering.

7. Nomination Committee Update

- a. Official Process per By-Laws (Read by President Bob)
 - Voting to take place at a regular meeting in December. **Board decided it will be DECEMBER 4, 2025.**
 - One month before, the committee will present the slate of candidates. Nominations will be taken from the floor. **Scheduled for THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025.** Current slate is:
 - *President-Elect* – Rod Pender
 - *President Nominee* – Grace Garno
 - *President Nominee Nominee* – Londa Pickles
 - *Secretary* – Chuck Chase
 - *Treasurer* – Rhonda Gage
 - *1st Board position* – Theresa Soto
 - *2nd Board position* – Open
 - The Secretary will send the candidate list out via Clubrunner for electronic voting prior to the voting meeting on December 4th. Those votes will be tallied along with those collected from members present.

8. Computer Update & Microsoft Subscriptions

- a. Still working on it.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- **Rotary District 6400 Foundation Dinner** – Cost \$800 for a table of 8. AM Club wants to split that with us. A number of members from both clubs plan to attend on November 6th. Board decided to pay \$400.
- **Frequency of Meetings** – Gerry suggested that we discuss in detail as we need to meet more often per month and should be discussed at a Club Assembly.
- **DG's visit this coming Thursday** - Group agreed that we not get a cake but a check for up to \$50 to the charity of her choice plus \$50 in chocolates from Mark's Trading Company downtown.
- **Hometown Hope Grant Application**
 - **Motion by L. Pickles and seconded by G. Garno directing the Secretary to apply for this grant. PASSED**
- **Donation Requests in the Future** – Gerry believes that we should expect these to increase in the future due to the current economic conditions.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm

Respectfully submitted by C. Chase

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

