

PRESENT: Chuck Chase, Gerry Burg, Rod Pender, Theresa Soto, Michele Gardner, Bob Gardner, Rhonda Gage, Grace Garno, Londa Pickles. **ABSENT:** NA **GUESTS – NA**

Meeting called to order at 5:04PM by President Bob

Secretary's Report

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

Motion by M. Gardner and seconded by R. Pender to accept the Secretary's report as submitted with changes. PASSED

Treasurer's Report

- Beginning balance at the end of September was \$52,268.48
- Current 10/31/25 Total: \$63,665.96
 - Checks not cleared - \$572.00
 - New Balance as of 10/31/25: \$63,093.96
 - We also have a CD (\$10,000)

Motion by L. Pickles and seconded by G. Garno to approve the budget as submitted. PASSED

OLD BUSINESS

1. Wreath Sales Project

- a. We sent an order in for 180 but have orders for 182. Some ordered extras that we can get to fill all orders.
- b. Group agreed that we need more time to sell these.

2. Update - Polio Plus Campaign (Joint with AM Club)

- a. We made \$135 from the Aubrey's partnership and sold cookies and made \$155 for a grand total of \$290.

3. Rotary Pavilion Update

- a. We anticipate \$20k from the Pratt Foundation plus \$5,000 from District Grant including our match and \$10,000 from the CD we hold. We can ask the ARF for a direct gift.
- b. SBWI may not be able to help us build. Bob contacted James at TimberCraft who is anxious to assist. He will work up a proposal.

Motion by R. Pender and seconded by M. Gardner that we request \$10,000 from the Adrian Rotary Foundation for the Pavilion Project. PASSED

4. Hybrid Meetings Update

- a. Group agreed to continue them into the future.

5. Nomination Committee

- a. At our meeting on November 7th the committee asked for nominations from the floor and got none.
- b. Slate of Officers to be presented: President-Elect: Rod Pender, President-Nominee: Grace Garno, President Nominee: Londa Pickles, Secretary: Chuck Chase; Treasurer: Rhonda Gage.
- c. Open Board Seats to be presented (Two – each are for 3-year terms): Theresa Soto and Nelson Douglass
- d. General Election will be held the first regular meeting in December (4th) and electronic ballots will be sent out to all members 2 weeks before (November 20).

6. Computer Updates and Microsoft Subscription

- a. We had to purchase Microsoft Office 360 along with Copilot as Carrie had a technician clean it up and consequently everything was wiped clean.

7. WLEN Hometown Hope Application

- a. Application was completed and submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Meeting Frequency

- a. Group agreed that we meet three times each month as a club at The Centre'. President Bob got approval from The Centre'. There will be 18 meetings in that first 6-month period in 2026.

2. Dues Billing

- a. Since we pay The Center' \$13 for each meal with a minimum of 20 per meeting, the group leaned toward charging members who pre-pay this amount.

Motion by C. Chase and seconded by T. Soto to charge members who pre-pay \$13 for each meal and charge those who pay as they go - \$15 at the table. PASSED

3. Joint Rotary/Kiwanis Pre Thanksgiving Lunch

- a. Rhonda to collect names and money form our club.
- b. Rod and Mark will be fine masters from our club.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- We are scheduled to ring bells for the Salvation Army this year on Friday, December 5th from 10am to 8pm. Their staff will deliver as well as pick up the materials.
- There will be an opportunity for club members to pack groceries at Country market on November 21 from 2pm to 6pm for tips for 1-hour shifts. The Secretary will send members an email. Wear Rotary gear.
- Gerry announced that they need volunteers for Meals on Wheels. Food is picked up between 10:30am and 11am. The entire process takes about an hour and a half.
- Gerry suggested that the club help with food insecurity and consider donating eith time or money to local pantries.

Motion by G. Burg and seconded by C. Chase to contribute \$500 to both Fishes & Loaves as well as the St. Joseph Holy Family Catholic Church Pantry. PASSED

- President Bob said that he was asked by Chip to see if our club could donate \$100 to the *Thank a Vet Drive* going on today.

Motion by R. Gage and seconded by M. Gardner to donate \$100 to the Housing Help of Lenawee's Veteran's Dire Needs Fund. PASSED

- Tomorrow night is a club social at the Aeronautique Winery
- Fellowship Lunch at The Centre' this Thursday at noon.
- Bob shared the letter the Lenawee Endurance Club sent us regarding their recommendation to replace the Annual Bike Tour with a 5k Run. President Bob asked the Secretary to scan and send out to all board members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted by C. Chase

Next board meeting – December 9th at 5PM at Comfort Inn