



The Fortarian

August 12th 2020

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

2020/2021 Board of Directors

President: Cynthia Judge
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Chair: Bob Hookham
 Meets: 2nd Tuesday of each month,
 Weiler Maloney Nelson Board Room 12 noon.

Rotary House Lottery Committee

Chair: Dave Knutson
 Meets: 1st Tuesday of each month,
 Weiler Maloney Nelson, 12 noon.

Semi-monthly Zoom Meetings

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
 Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday

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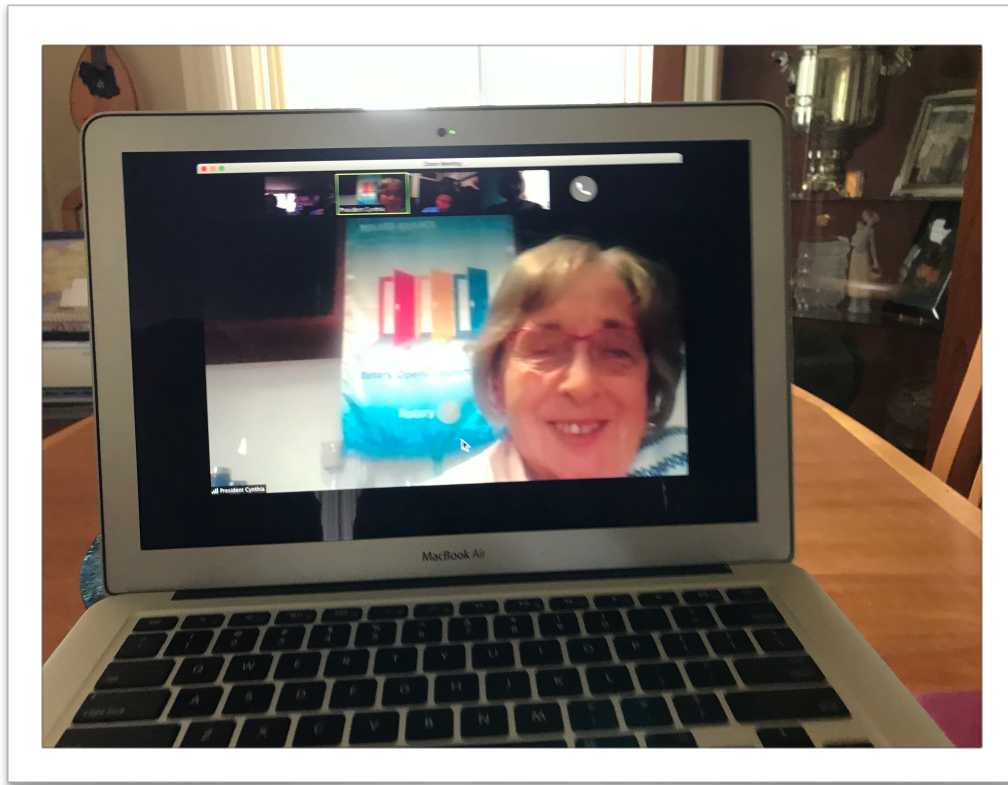
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Meeting of August 12th, 2020

President Cynthia welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting. Nine club members were in attendance. There were no visiting Rotarians or guests. Irene Sottile gave the toast to the Queen and Canada.



President Cynthia reviewed the responses to this year's Satisfaction survey and compared it to last year's survey. The survey was made up of standard questions that came from Rotary International. It is fitting that the survey was reviewed as August is Membership month in the Rotary calendar.

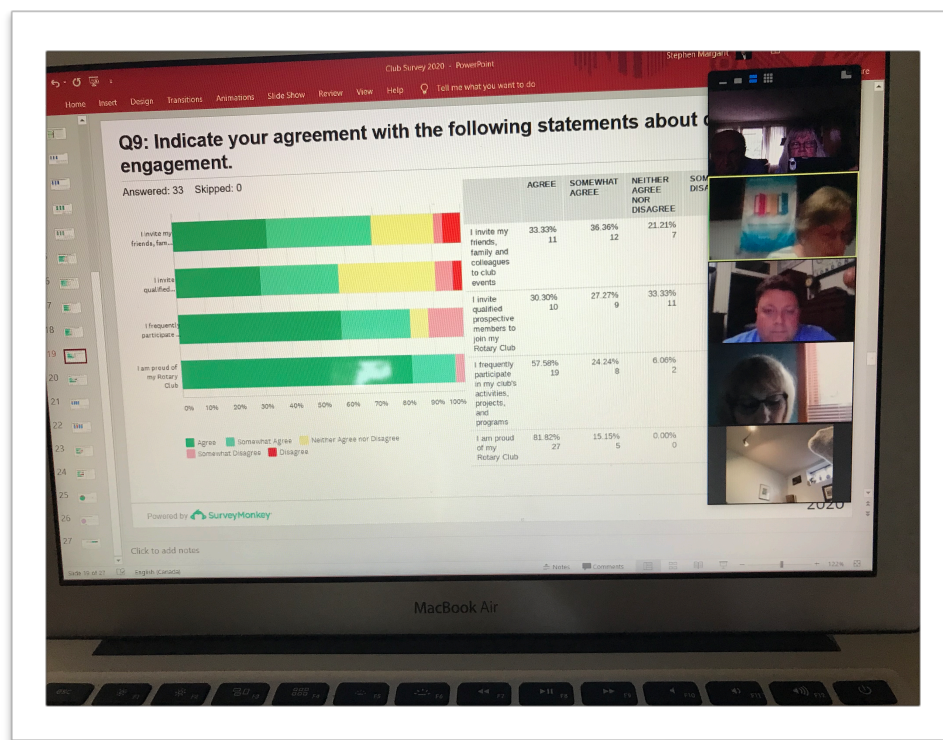
Thirty-three members responded. The breakdown for those responding was: Main Club 73%; Satellite Club 21%; and Corporate 6%. More people

participated in the survey this year than last year. Ninety percent of the club was satisfied with their membership in the club.

Eighty-four percent felt that club meetings were a good use of time. Eighty percent felt that the club did a good job involving new members. The reaction to the demographic profile of the club was not so high but still 60% were satisfied with it. The club does a good job involving all members. Ninety percent agreed that the amount of fundraising was appropriate. Ninety percent agreed that the organizations that the club funds reflects their views.

On rating the bi-weekly meetings, club members were satisfied with most aspects of the meetings. Rotary International updates and professional and networking connections received lower satisfaction ratings.

On the topic of service projects, club members felt that the number of service projects per year was the right amount both for community projects and international projects. Club members gave very high ratings to the fact that the service projects were well organized, made a difference in the community, and were meaningful to club members.



On the topic of communication and responsiveness, it was felt that the club was doing a much better job at this for this Rotary year. The respondents felt that the value of their membership was going up. Most people felt positively about club engagement. The response was a little more varied regarding the cost of membership; however, satisfaction had risen quite a bit in regard to the cost of the meals. Members felt that the club was doing a good job in regard to communication and marketing but it does need to promote itself more.

Eighty-eight percent of the respondents had participated in a Zoom meeting. Ninety-three percent attended by computer while the remaining seven percent attended by telephone.

President Cynthia wants the club to develop a strategic plan that will show where the club hopes to be in five years. Members would look at ideas in January and then put the plan together in April or May.

If any club members have complaints or questions about the club, please e-mail President Cynthia or Board members.

Stephen Margarit spoke in regard to the survey. The same survey and questions are used each year. This makes it a great tool as responses to questions can be compared over the years to see if there are trends developing.

President Cynthia received one piece of correspondence. This was a letter of resignation from Walter Seaberg. Thank you for your years of service.

There were no requests from the Allocations Committee this month.

Dave Knutson provided an update on the House Lottery. Close to 12,000 tickets have been sold. Ticket sales have been slow but steady. The Committee will have to review what the lottery will look like in 2021. There will be a few things that have to be considered.

Stephen Margarit gave a report in regard to the website and as the archivist. He is developing folders for each committee as well as for the

treasurer. He has also been going through all of the items that Karl has stored.



Announcements

The August 26 Rotary meeting will be held at Wilderness Discovery Camp. The invitation to attend the meeting has been extended to the Port Arthur, Lakehead, and Nipigon Rotary Clubs. The meal, which begins at 6:00 p.m., will be a barbecue with soft drinks and dessert. People can come out to the camp earlier in the day to look at the work that has been done and to enjoy themselves. ADG Dan Brown will be in attendance.

The September 2 meeting will be a fun meeting. The September 9 meeting will be a regular one. President Cynthia is hoping to have members meet in person while also having the Zoom option available. On September 23, the District Governor will be attending the meeting via Zoom.

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