



The Fortarian

May 26th, 2021
Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

2020/2021 Board of Directors

President: Cynthia Judge
 Interim Secretary: Stephen Margarit
 Assistant Secretary: Irene Sottile
 Treasurer: Sante Sottile
 President Elect: Dawn Sebesta
 Past President: Stephen Margarit
 Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month,
 RBC Royal Bank, Board Room
 1159 Alloy Drive , 6.30pm

Website www.fwrotary.ca

Directors:
 Irene Sottile
 Robert Moore
 Mary Ann Breton
 Bev Knutson
 Jodi Phillips
 Jill Zachary

Allocations Committee

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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President Cynthia Judge welcomed everyone. About 20 Rotarians attended this Zoom meeting.

Joan Krisko played *O Canada* on the piano. Sharon Badanai proposed a toast to the Queen.

President-Elect Dawn Sebesta provided a presentation outlining the incoming Board of Directors.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Dawn Sebesta – President
- **Fhara** Pottinger – President Elect
- Cynthia Judge – Past President
- Mary Ann Breton – Director (Year 2)
- Bev Knutson – Director (Year 2)
- Irene **Sottile** – Director (Year 2)
- Robert Moore – Director (Year 1)
- Stephen Margarit – Director (Year 1)
- **Sante Sottile** – Director (Year 1)
- Stephen Margarit – Secretary (non-voting)
- Erle Wheatley – Treasurer (non-voting)
- **TBD** – President Elect Elect*
- **TBD** – Assistant Secretary*
- **Sante Sottile** – Assistant Treasurer*

*Not an official member of the Board of Directors



Still to be finalized is which service area will be the responsibility of which Director. A good number of people have signed up for the various committees. However, Rotarians are encouraged to sign up for any committee that they may have an interest in participating in and contributing to.

Jodi Phillips provided an update on the Club Vision & Strategic Plan for Rotary Years 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24.

FORT WILLIAM ROTARY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES (2021-22 TO 2023-24)

1. Sustain and Grow Club Membership
2. Enhance the Public Image of Fort William Rotary
3. Modernize and Streamline the Club Structure
4. Continue to support the Community & the World through on-going and sustainable fundraising programs
5. Explore and implement strategies that support Leadership Development within the club and through Club Activities and Initiatives
6. Continue our focus on Community Service and support in areas of interest to the membership including such focuses as the broader health system, food and housing security, support for those with disabilities.
7. Strive toward the strengthening of our International focus through meaningful projects around the world supported through targeted fundraising initiatives



Several activities have occurred on this initiative since January. Directors will soon be receiving a copy of the Work Plan and a template to identify and track action items to achieve various aspects of the plan.

Joan Krisko, in her role as Foundation Committee Chair, advised that Robert Moore would be receiving his Paul Harris Fellow + 1 pin. This recognizes the hard work that Robert undertook to move us to online sales for the house lottery.

President Cynthia advised of correspondence received and a few updates:

- several thank you notes received from Music Festival participants, thanking Fort William Rotary for their music scholarships
- thank you note from Shelter Box for helping to make their work possible through the challenges of the past year
- Plan International update from Senegal, advising that so much progress had been made, thanking Rotary for their support – they have been able to provide education to about 5,000 people and referred 1,000 people for health care treatment
- received an update on our sponsored child, Awa Diouf from Senegal. Awa is now 15 years old. Stephen Margarit will forward the email that was received.

Robert Moore advised that the Allocations Committee had dispersed all the funds from the 2020 house lottery and will be starting on reviewing the 2021 funds.

Dave Knutson noted that the net revenue received from the 2021 house lottery will likely be well over \$500,000, since several expenses were reduced this year, providing more funds available for local charities.

Fhara Pottinger delivered the Lighter Side.

President Cynthia adjourned the meeting.

Editor Erle

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