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The Fortarian

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay, (Fort William)

2018/2019 Board of Directors

President: Sante Sottile
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*Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month,
George Jeffrey Children's Centre
Boardroom 200 Brock St E. , 6.30pm*

Website www.fwrotary.ca

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Chair: Peter Stetsko
*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.*

Weekly Dinner Meetings

*Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
Airlane Hotel and Conference Centre
698 W. Arthur St. Thunder Bay, ON*

Note: For July and August, meetings will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday only.

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Jerry Williams was the Sergeant-at-Arms this evening. It was nice to see him back! There were no visiting Rotarians or guests. Sharon Badanai led the singing of the National Anthem and Craig Sandberg gave the toast to the Queen.

President Sante turned the meeting over to David Knutson, Chair of the Bylaw Committee. This evening, club members were supposed to vote on the newly revised bylaws; however, not enough members were in attendance to achieve quorum so the vote was postponed.

Stephen Margaret, instead, provided the results of the Club online survey that had taken place in January. Thirty-four members, or seventy-seven percent of the club, completed the survey. Eighty-one percent felt that the club should be looking at another meeting location because of the price increase at the Airplane. In regard to staying at the present venue if the prices were the same at the other locations, fifty-three percent would go elsewhere depending on the location. Fifty-five percent of the respondents preferred a restaurant where one could order off a menu while forty-four percent would prefer a hall with buffet. Seventy-three percent agreed that there should be a meal component to the meeting. Seventy-eight percent agreed that the club should meet bi-weekly. Fifty-eight percent felt that there should be a speaker twice a month. Sixty-two percent felt that there should be a social meeting every three months. Eighty-two percent would attend a service meeting. Forty-two percent felt that a service meeting should be every three months while thirty-five percent felt that there should be a monthly service meeting. Seventy-two percent said yes to the singing the National Anthem at the meeting. Sixty-two and a half percent said yes to the tradition of the toast to the Queen.

The following is the list of barriers as determined by the respondents that keep club members from attending a meeting:

1. Time restraints 70%
2. Meal cost 57%
3. Food (quality and variety) 33%
4. Location 20%
5. Program 17%

There was a good discussion on both the topics of the by-laws and the results of the survey.

Dave Murray was the Fine Master for the evening and was accepting only Good News.

Terry Cameron did the Lighter Side. Jerry Williams ran the 50/50 draw. Eighteen tickets had been sold pushing the pot up to \$154. Joan Krisko held the lucky ticket but did not pick the elusive Queen of Hearts.

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