

Clinton Rotary Club

Board Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2016

Present: J. Bruhn, J. Dobbyn, L. Goodman, J. Graf, N. Hinke, R. Klahn, I. Lorenz, L. McGraw and S. Sander-Welzien

Guests: Mark Schroeder and Dee Willoughby

Minutes: Motion to approve the December minutes was made by Jennifer and seconded by Lynn.
M/S/U

Guest Mark Schroeder submitted a grant proposal from the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. The proposal is to involve urban children in the Iowa 4-H experience. The board agreed to review the proposal.

Dee Willoughby reported that Russell Construction started working on the building January 13. Dee has weekly meetings with the contractor and good ideas are brought to the table. He said all is going well. Funds currently are \$1,083,000 and Dee will reapply to ADM for \$35,000. Bills are submitted every second week to the Foundation for payment.

Question was raised regarding placement of the monument. Most likely at the entrance, but we're still open for ideas. Monument should be in place by grand opening.

Financial Report – Lynn McGraw

Lynn presented the Account Quick report for December 1 through January 13, 2016, and the Balance Sheet and P&L by Class for December 2015.

Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Jennifer and seconded by Rich. **M/S/U**

President's Report – Jim Dobbyn

Jim asked the board whether the club should nominate a member for the Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award. Norlan said that the nomination is no longer competitive. Gary Foster could be nominated.

A motion to nominate Jennifer to serve as president in 2018/19 was made by Jim D. and seconded by Rich. **M/S/U**

The board agreed to apply for a D6000 grant to pay for Rich to attend the PETS training. Jim D. will submit the grant application.

Jim said that the club needs to send someone to attend the D6000 grant seminar in West Liberty February 20. It was noted that Jim B. should go because he will be next year's grant contact. However, we do need a back up if Jim can't go.

Jim said there that he and Dee Willoughby will go to the District 6000 conference in Des Moines March 31 –April 2. They will set up a booth to highlight the Eagle Point Lodge and the playground projects and give 1 hour presentation.

Jim noted that the RI conference will be in Seoul, Korea May 28 – June 1, 2016. Jim B. will be attending.

Committee Reports

Club Administration – Rich Klahn

Rich said that the auction is scheduled for April 29 at Rastrelli's. This year's theme is Masquerade. Rich hopes that more members get on the committee.

Club Activities – Jim Bruhn – no report

Rotary Foundation – Norlan Hinke

Norlan said he wants to encourage every Rotarian every year to contribute to the Paul Harris Foundation. The money goes to fantastic projects. Libby said that she can come up with a way to promote participation. Norlan said that members should take advantage of points awarded. It was mentioned that most people don't know how many points they have. Ida said that members can access the information by going to the Rotary International website.

Service Projects – Libby Goodman

Libby said that Mark's presentation for the 4-H project is exactly what D6000 is looking for community grants. Her only concern is that it's not ongoing next year.

Lori Freudenberg submitted an application for the kitchen remodeling at the Human Services Campus to help feed children during the summer. Libby said that there is the opportunity for sweat equity and that the project can be completed this year. Discussion followed. It was agreed that we can do more than one project. Jim D. suggested to split the \$5,000 from District between the two projects. He noted that they are good projects and gives the club the opportunity to get involved.

A motion to apply for two project split of \$2,500 was made by Jennifer and seconded by Libby. **M/S/U**

Vocational/International Service – Shannon Sander-Welzien

Shannon said that she will release a press release on RYLA February 1. We are looking for good nominations.

Public Relations – Jennifer Graf

Jennifer said that she asked Ron Gutierrez if we could have a Rotary Corner in the Clinton Herald under Community Calendar and announce monthly Club Programs. Good idea!

Membership – Jennifer Graf

Jennifer said that we have no membership outreach. We should have some activities. She offered to come up with ideas. Rich said that we should ask members who joined last year to come up with auction items. It was noted that members either chose to pay or get actively involved.

Old Business

Libby reported that Andres' new host family is the Jaegers. Question was raised whether we should sponsor an exchange student for next year. Jim D. said we don't have the funds and we can't find host Rotary families

New Business

Norlan mentioned that we should ask the club to provide support to Rotarians who have illness in the family. Ida will add the names to the bulletin.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 a.m.

Next meeting February 19, 2016