

Clinton Rotary Club

Board Meeting Minutes 2-19-2010

Present: P. Holmer, K. Klahn, J. Pillers, N. Hinke, Mark Regenwether, S. Roling, R. Tokheim, C. Machael and I. Lorenz

Absent: Gary Foster, V. Hill and S. Schroeder

Minutes: Motion to approve January minutes was made by Jim and seconded by Steve. M/S/U

Financial Report - Steve Roling

Questions were raised on exact grant amounts. Paul and Mark said they will get the information on how much the gambling grant award is. Mark said that the club needs to only match 25% of the total grant income which the auction fundraiser should cover. Kathy asked how many members are 90 days behind in paying their dues. Steve said some members are.

Motion to approve financial report was made by Norlan and seconded by Kathy.. M/S/U

President's Items

Paul reported that the membership committee is in limbo because Sally Schroeder is on leave of absence until June. Kathy suggested we ask Jenifer Graf to take on Sally's duties, Norlan suggested Amber Wood. Both are new members and, per Carol, it would empower them to become more familiar and engaged with the club. Steve said that the person needs to understand the nuances of club activities. Kathy said she will ask Julie Bray to prepare an outline of duties. Mark and Kathy offered to help arrange for the fireside chat. We will use the Rotary International power point at the fireside chat.

Mark, Carol and Kathy offered to help Julie mentor either Jenifer or Amber.

Steve reported our club now has videos on all the Rotary magazines published since day one. Mark suggested using the videos to educate the public.

Paul asked the board to support the Clinton High school culinary arts students by covering the cost for the bus driver to get the students to Rastrelli's. This would be for six weeks at \$40/week = \$240. The board approved the amount. Rod said that he would like to see these students help with the auction fundraiser.

Paul shared information received from District 6000 on upcoming conferences. A request was received from District 6000 for clubs to donate auction items specific from their town/regions Paul will ask for suggestions at the next meeting.

Steve said that the club pays only for registration to the District Conference, but that PETS expenses are covered for president and president elect.

Paul announced that Donna Oliver and Paul Walter have resigned effective March 31, 2010. He hopes the club will bring in new members.

Committee Reports

Membership – Sally Schroeder no report

Club Administration – Kathy Klahn

Kathy said that John Eisenman has the date set for the night at the ball park. The club will cover the cost. The club also paid for food and Showboat tickets previous years. In order to bring down the cost, it was suggested that the club will only pay for one guest per member. Steve said that there should be a written policy on how many guests a member can bring and what the club will pay for. Carol said that in the past the food was free and members paid for the tickets. Kathy suggested that any member who brings in a new member get a free Showboat ticket.

Activities – Jim Pillers

Rod said that flyers on the upcoming auction were inserted in the Chamber of Commerce newsletter to reach the broader community and to bring back former members. Discussion followed on auction set-up, activities, donations and public relations. Mark suggested the club collect items, such as wine, booze, etc. from members and combine their donations in baskets that can be auctions off. He said that will get more people involved. Norlan said that Tom Olson agreed to be the auctioneer.

Service Project – Gary Foster – no report

Vocational/International Service – Rod Tokheim – no report

Rotary Foundation – Norlan Hinke

Norlan reported on the communication he received from Corliss Claussen on the Paul Harris Bonus Point Program. Rotarians who sign an agreement to commit \$100 every year to the Rotary International Foundation will attain 200 bonus points as long as they meet the criteria. 1) member is not a current Paul Harris Fellow and 2) member signs the document committing the \$100 annually.

Noran asked do we want to do the 200 point promotion. He stated that our club is currently at 75% participation.

A motion to promote the Every Member Every Year Rotary International Foundation 200 bonus point commitment was made by Kathy and seconded by Jim. **M/S/U**

Paul asked where the club points come from and whether the money is tied to members. Norlan will get an analysis of the last 3 years of club points. Steve said that points do expire and that we should use "old" member points first.

Polio Night: Norlan reported that the River Bandits suggested a meeting at the ball park facility.

Public Relations – Val Hill – no report

New Business

Carol reported that the Community Foundation asked for \$425 for support. Carol reported on Books for Babies and asked whether the club will continue to support the program. Colleen Meyers at Mercy told her that there were 570 deliveries over the last year and that parents are excited to get the books. Carol would like to order 600 more books.

A motion to fund the Books for Babies at \$2,000 was made by Norlan and seconded by Jim. **M/S/U**

The board agreed that the club should continue to support literacy in our community. Mark said that this is the third year of literacy for the next level and that the dictionaries are part of this. Paul will contact John Frey on whether dictionaries have been ordered for this year.

Greeter: It was suggested to rotate greeter duties like fellowship and get new members involved. Paul will talk to Jim Machen to get a pool of people. Mark suggested Val put the names of the greeters in the bulletin. Carol offered that she and Gene Machael will help Jim make phone calls.

Paul agreed to give the auction welcome message.

Mark said that we should pass the hat at the next meeting and ask for donations for the smoke detector lithium batteries and have the club "match the hat". To do this will be good PR in the community. The batteries are \$17/each and last 10 years. He said that members could help install them.

A motion to pass the hat and the club match the hat was made by Rod and seconded by Jim. **M/S/U**

Paul said he received a thank you note from District 600 for our contribution towards conference costs.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 a.m.

Next meeting will be March 19, 2010