

Clinton Rotary Club

Board Meeting Minutes April 19, 2012

Present: T. Determann, J. Dobbyn, G. Foster, L. Goodman, N. Hinke, I. Lorenz, L. McGraw, J. Pillers, N. Sondgeroth and A. Wood

Absent: V. Hill

Guests: Maggie Klaes, Tami Leavens, Mike Brown and Jeff Stoller

Minutes: Motion to approve March minutes was made by Jim P. and seconded by Libby. M/S/U

Maggie Klaes introduced Tami Leavens, MS Chapter Coordinator. Tami asked the board to help raise MS awareness by donating \$100 to the "Bridges of Hope" walk in Bettendorf to be held May 18. The money would go to place the Rotary name on the T-shirts. The board agreed that we do not want to set precedence by donating to causes. However, Tom offered to give the MS Chapter \$100 on behalf of the Club for sake of recognition.

Guests Mike Brown and Jeff Stoller are representatives of the Vision 8 Forum. The forum was formed to do projects in the community. One of the projects is to do a face lift/renovation of the Riverview Park band shell. They would like Rotary to get behind the proposed project. Norlan invited them to give a program at a club meeting.

Financial Report – Lynn McGraw

Lynn presented the financial reports of March 2013. Lynn said that she wrote a check for \$40,000 to pay for the playground equipment. Discussion followed. It was noted that the club didn't have to pay for the equipment until the grant money has been received.

Amber noted that 75% of funding available will be applied to the Emma Young Park playground (\$50,000 - \$55,000 to complete).

We received the \$4,000 Simplified Grant from District 6000 for the playground. A progress report for the Simplified Grant is due June 15, 2013. It was suggested that Carol Machael write the progress report for the 2012 playground project. Question was raised whether we can apply for another gaming grant in 2013.

A motion to accept the financial report of March 2013 was made by Jim D. and seconded by Jim P.

M/S/U

President's Report – Norlan Hinke

Norlan said that the Future Vision Planning Session is in District 6000 for just one year. Norlan said that Dave Cook from Newton will facilitate the session here either May 2nd or May 9th from 5 – 9 p.m.. Norlan would like to have 30-35 members plus all board members attend. The session will be held at Rastrelli's (Norlan will check into availability) and will include a light lunch. Norlan said that the Club should pay for the food. Val should make an announcement in the newsletter. A motion to have the planning session May 2nd was made by Tom and seconded by Gary.

M/S/U

Nomination committee: Jim P. said that he will go through the active member list and asked to table it until the May board meeting.

Norlan said he will propose Jim Pillers for President Elect-Elect and Jim Dobbyn President Elect-Elect to the members.

Jim D. asked whether there is a certain time when we should put people on the District 6000 committee. Norlan said he will contact District 6000 to find out when the list comes out. Tom mentioned that location plays an important part of who participates. Often it is former presidents who serve on the committees..

A motion to have Tom Determann represent the Club at the Rotary International Convention was made by Jim P. and seconded by Jim D. M/S/U

Committee Reports

Membership – Nathan Sondgeroth

Nathan said May is membership month. He encourages board members to bring guests to the club meetings. "Don't say you get a free lunch to make them come." People need to be specifically asked." The auction was a good venue for friendship that matters. Nathan said that he will talk to the club Monday and place a membership survey on the tables. He plans to produce a survey monkey on the internet. Jim D. said that perhaps a morning meeting would be one way to increase membership. Gary suggested Nathan introduce guests instead of the fellowship person.

Club Administration – Tom Determann

Tom said he talked to Tom Krogman to get an update on the Ericksen Center Park. It was noted that \$75,000 has been budgeted for the Emma Young Playground. The Club has to provide 25% of the \$75,000.

Tom said that Ida will send the e-mail containing a video on resources for Club leadership to the board.

Club Activities – Jim Pillers

Jim Pillers said that he looked into the liability insurance and Rotary International insurance. He said that board officers are covered for errors and that there is a general insurance for third party. We do not have coverage to cover Rotary members. Jim P. explained liability for corporations vs. social clubs. He said that he has forms the board could look at. Lynn said that we used to be the Clinton Rotary Foundation and why is it still out there. Gary said the Federal ID remains. Gary suggested we find out from District 6000 how many clubs are incorporated. Lynn said she could only find one. It was agreed that Jim P. make a presentation on what other clubs have done.

Service Project – Amber Wood

Amber said that the auction was successful. Gross event was \$34,091 and after all expenses have been paid we have a net total of \$23,655.

Vocational/International Service – Libby Goodman

Libby reported that 6 applications were received for RYLA this year. She asked if any preferences should be made for Rotary members' families and the Board decided only if there was a tie breaker situation. The Board felt that the best applicants should win, whether they were male or female. It was not necessary to select one male and one female. Libby has reviewed all of the applications and will notify the two winners and those who were not selected next week. Each winner will attend a Rotary meeting prior to attending so the club meets them. They will also be presenting upon their return on what they learned. The winners ended up being: Emily Bray from Northeast and Thomas Hand from Fulton High School.

A motion for Libby to make a recommendation was made by Tom and seconded by Gary. M/S/U

Gary will make an announcement at one of the club meetings.

Scholarship: Libby said that Rob Cassidy sent out letter to schools to select recipients.

Libby said that our Youth Exchange student is Carlos from Spain. He is 16 yrs. She said that Julie Bray and Steve Howes would like a third family to host him. Gary agreed to be Carlos' counselor. Carlos will stay with Gary the first few nights. Libby noted that training for Gary and Libby is required.

Norlan said the board needs to address costs associated with exchange student, such as activity fees, etc.

It was suggested Val take pictures of students that come to the club meetings and publish them in the newsletter.

Rotary Foundation – Jim Dobbyn – no report

Public Relations – Val Hill – no report

Old Business - none

New Business

It was agreed to discuss dues payments at the May board meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for June 21, 2013.