

Clinton Rotary Club

Board Meeting Minutes May 17, 2013

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

Absent: G. Foster, L. Goodman and V. Hill

Minutes: Motion to approve April minutes was made by Tom and seconded by Lynn. **M/S/U**

Financial Report – Lynn McGraw

Lynn presented the financial reports of April 2013. Discussions on income/expenses versus 2012/13 budget followed. It was agreed to award \$75,000 to Park and Recreation for the playground. Tom asked Ida to set up the budget for 2013/14.

A motion to continue the \$4 Polio Plus fee on the quarterly member invoice was made by Jim P. and seconded by Jim D. **M/S/U**

A motion to accept the financial report of April 2013 was made by Jim P. and seconded by Amber. **M/S/U**

President's Report – Norlan Hinke

Norlan said that Dave Cook was pleased with the participation in the Future Vision Planning Session held May 2nd at Rastrelli's. Norlan said that he will present talking points to the club and form a task focus group per strategic objectives with club members. The vision planning will be an ongoing process. Jim D. noted that the club might want to consider a fundraising venue other than the auction – "We need to feel a new energy". Discussion followed on looking for various venues.

Norlan said that he is waiting to hear if the Haiti well digging project is approved.

It was proposed to give \$1,000 to the Children's library for their summer program. The proposal was amended to \$500 by Ida. Motion to give \$500 was made by Jim D. and seconded by Jim P. **M/S/U**

Nomination committee: Jim P. said that he has gone through the active member list and that he will nominate 3 to 4 members by next week. A motion for Jim Pillers to serve as president in 2015/16 and Jim Dobby to serve as president in 2016/17 was made by Tom and seconded by Lynn. **M/S/U**

Norlan said that he will move the June board meeting up to June 14 because he and Ida will be on vacation the third week of June and because Tom will be attending the Rotary International Convention that same week.

Committee Reports

Membership – Nathan Sondgeroth

Nathan said that he is 'digesting' the membership survey. He said that the Vision Planning session was useful. Norlan said that the board should look at people who are retired that want to pay membership dues but not pay for all meals. Discussion followed. It was decided to create a "special class" of members. Lynn said that these members could fill out a form indicating when not to bill for meals.

Nathan suggested creating a "sweat equity" membership – labor instead of dues. That would be a pay it forward idea. It was suggested to get a sponsor. Norlan said that we would need to find sponsors first who would be willing to sponsor that kind of member.

Club Administration – Tom Determann

Tom said that no work has been started at the Emma Young playground. Amber will talk to Tom Krogman to find out when he will start with the project.

Club Activities – Jim Pillers

Jim said that our Club has a constitution and no by-laws (the club has the Rotary International by-laws). Currently, our club is an association. Jim P. prepared and presented to the board a draft of incorporation for more insurance coverage. Jim asked the board to consider a corporation. Tom asked what does it take to amend by-laws? Jim said that it takes 2/3 vote of a quorum and 2/3 of members present to amend by-laws. Jim will bring the PDF file to the next board meeting and present the final format to the Club. Put on June agenda.

Service Project – Amber Wood - no report

Vocational/International Service – Libby Goodman

Libby reported that she got a third host family (non-Rotarian). She said that they responded to an ad in the paper. A family member is a teacher here in town. Libby said that Gary Foster and Dee Willoughby are on her committee.

Rotary Foundation – Jim Dobbyn

Jim said that we need to apply for a grant by August 1. He and Tom will get together to work on a grant. Norlan suggested to get Carol Machael involved in the grant writing, but she needs to be given enough time.

Discussion on PH points of resigned members. Points may be redistributed to members of our club. Jim will contact members that resigned to get their ok to redistribute. Jim will also contact Corliss.

Public Relations – Val Hill – no report

Old Business - none

New Business

Norlan said that he received correspondence from the General Counsel for the Winona-Dakota Unity Alliance on the Unity Ride by Dakota horse riders that are anticipated to start in Davenport Sept 2, 2013, to honor Dakota warriors and family members that died and languished in Camp McClellan prison Camp in Davenport. They asked for road maps of our area.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for June 21, 2013.