

Clinton Rotary Club

Board Meeting Minutes for July 18, 2014

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

Absent: V. Hill, and J. Pillers

Minutes: Motion to approve the June minutes was made by Jim D. and seconded by Amber. **M/S/U**

Financial Report – Lynn McGraw

Lynn presented the financial reports of June and the account quick report for the period June 1 through July 12, 2014. Lynn said that money in the Clinton National Bank is available for Amber to spend on playground equipment. Jim D. said that the board needs an action plan to raise more money. Libby said that she will work on it, but that she needs help. Amber said that she would help.

A motion to accept the financial reports was made by Tom and seconded by Jim D. **M/S/U**

President's Report – Libby Goodman

Libby reminded the board of the upcoming D6000 governor's visit September 29. She handed out copies of the Memo of Club Visit and asked the board to take a look at the questions the governor will address. Libby asked the board to put board meeting dates for the coming year on their calendar. Libby said that the 1st quarterly vision planning session in August will be on membership (Nathan), the 2nd on Paul Harris Foundation (Jim D.), 3rd and 4th vision planning session will be on marketing and youth exchange.

Budget: Jim D. said that the board is not ready to approve the budget because we need more income/revenues. Discussion followed. Raise membership dues; limit scholarships to high school students only; reduce number of meals. It was agreed to schedule a separate financial committee meeting and invite club members.

It was noted that expenses for the show boat and ball park should be revenue negative events. Lynn said the appetizers at the showboat event were covered by the club and that she bills for the theatre tickets. Norlan suggested members pay for tickets in advance.

Question was raised whether D6000 sent out the auction charitable deduction letters to auction sponsors. Lynn said that they did last year. She will contact Don Patterson at D6000 to find out if letters were mailed out this year.

Committee Reports

Club Administration – Rich Klahn

Rich said that he finally received the last money for an action item.

Club Activities – Jim Pillers – no report

Rotary Foundation – Jim Dobbyn

Jim said that members have asked how to become a PH fellow. He said that if the member contributes \$500, the club will donate 500 points. He said we have 16,000 points available. Lynn needs instructions on how to do that. Jim will select a 3-month period (September, October and November) and run a report between match periods. Members who make a contribution during that time will get the points. A motion to match any contributions to PH up to 500 points during the proposed 3 month period ending November 30, 2014, was made by Jim D and seconded by Lynn. **M/S/U**

Service Project – Amber Wood

Amber said that Gary Foster and his team of volunteers installed the benches at the Ericksen Center. She said that Bob Holsinger contributed the concrete and two of his crew trowel and edged the pads. Libby and Norlan said it was hard and dirty work.

Norlan suggested we have a club meeting at the Ericksen Center so that members can see the playground and benches. Rich said that Deb Olson would like to have a club meeting at the new middle school.

Amber said that the Vision 8 committee needs \$5,000 for the band shell and they asked for ideas where to go for additional funding.

Amber said that she would like to know what all the action money was spent on. She would like a clearer picture for the past 6 auctions. Lynn said she may not have all the information, but she will try to do it in detail.

Amber visited RYLA 7/17 in Grinell to observe activities. She said it was an awesome experience. 171 students attended. Libby and the board thanked Amber for attending. Amber said that the 2 RYLA students the club sent will speak at the September 15 meeting.

Vocational/International Service – Libby Goodman

Libby said that she filled out the community service grant that is due August 1. She contacted the vendor via e-mail to get the official quotes for the playground equipment.

Libby developed a list of activities that committee members can participate in.

Public Relations – Val Hill – no report

Membership – Nathan Sondgeroth

Nathan said that the membership committee met 7/14. There were good discussions. July 21 through August 11 will be membership Mondays. He will encourage members to bring guests who could be potential Rotarians. Discussion followed regarding junior membership discount. Nathan suggested we put away with the discount and instead have an associate membership where new members pay no dues for 90 days. They can try the club and thereafter, they pay dues.

He said that we need to educate members about membership misconceptions, such as member classification.

Old Business –

Libby handed out information on the 100 year project. There are 2 projects: Jurgenson Soccer Park and Eagle Point Park. Both projects could be closely linked with Rotary. Nathan said that Eagle Point could be aligned with what the city wants to do at the park and what the Club does would have a lasting impact. Discussion followed. One suggestion was to present the projects to the club and have them pick either one.

A motion to focus on Eagle Point Park with multi-year (7/2015 through 6/2016) project fundraising and subject to control by the board, was made by Nathan and seconded by Jim D. **M/S/U**

New Business –

Lynn said that the Clinton Community College inquired about starting Rotoract. Libby said starting one is very involved and we would need someone who can spend much time on it.

Rich reported that the D6000 Governor's service project for this year is "Keep Kids Warm". Rich said his goal is to raise at least \$2,000 towards the project which is possible if each member contributes \$20.

Libby said we need to appoint a new board member. She will ask members at the next club meeting to give nominations from the floor.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 a.m.

Next board meeting is August 15, 2014