

Clinton Rotary Club

Board Meeting Minutes for September 26, 2014

Present: J. Bruhn, J. Dobbyn, J. Graf, L. Goodman, R. Klahn, I. Lorenz, L. McGraw, and A. Wood

Absent: J. Pillers (resigned) and N. Sondgeroth

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

Financial Report – Lynn McGraw

Lynn presented the financial reports of August and the account quick report for the period August 4 through September 25, 2014. A motion to accept the financial reports was made by Jim D. and seconded by Rich. **M/S/U**

President's Report – Libby Goodman

Libby welcomed Jennifer Graf and Jim Bruhn to the board. She informed the board that Jim Pillers resigned from the board only due to health issues. A motion to accept the resignation with regret was made unanimous by the board.

Discussion on establishing a 501(3) foundation for the purpose of the auction contributions and tax purposes followed. Lynn reported that she, Gary Foster and John Frey met to talk about whether to establish our own foundation or to continue to use the D6000 HEF.

Jim B. said he will look at the article of incorporation and the by-laws and get both ready to file.

Because of Jim Piller's resignation, Jim Dobbyn will be President Elect. Jim Bruhn said that he is willing to be the President-Elect-Elect.

Libby said that she compared our membership dues with dues paid by members of the Tipton, Muscatine and Iowa City Clubs. She prepared a spreadsheet for Nathan and will ask him to make recommendations and suggestions. Jim D. and Jim B. offered to meet with Nathan to discuss his plans for membership, sponsorship, etc.

Libby said that she communicated with Rob Cassidy that the board wants to reduce the scholarship from \$10,000 to \$9,000. Rob said that we can eliminate Lincoln HS but we should keep the colleges. He also said that we should not include DeWitt students. They are too far away. A motion to reduce the scholarship from \$10,000 to \$9,000 was made by Jim D. and seconded by Rich **M/S/U**.

A motion to accept a bill for \$864.30 for Norlan's trip to Haiti was made by Jim D and seconded by Jim B. Lynn opposed. Jim D. said that the Club should be involved in Rotary projects and we should support that. Lynn thanked Jim D. for his comments.

Jim B asked whether the Club has a project master plan. Libby said that the Club had a vision planning session 2 years ago.

Libby invited the board to attend the training October 15 in West Liberty.

A motion to present the District Governor a \$50 check towards the coats was made by Jim D. and seconded by Rich. **M/S/U**.

Committee Reports

Club Administration – Rich Klahn

Rich said that the club raised \$1,820 enough to purchase 120 coats. Coats will go to Clinton, Camanche, North East and Fulton schools. He will get the number of students who need a coat from each school to get the percentage for distribution.

Rich said that the auction planning is moving along and that we'll have pizza from Happy Joe's for the October 27 club meeting at the new Middle School.. .

Club Activities – Jim Bruhn

Jim said that Tom Krogman needs landscaping help. November is open.

Rotary Foundation – Jim Dobbyn

Jim said that starting October 1, he will talk about matching contributions to the PH Foundation at Monday's meetings. He said that any kind of dollar contribution made to the PH Foundation will be matched up to 500 points by using points accumulated over the years. He said that we can use the points any way we want. We have discretion. However, there are no in-kind points. Jim stated that 15-20% of the members do not contribute. Perhaps we should look at other streams of money to contribute to PH.

Service Project – Amber Wood and Jim Bruhn

Amber said that she met with Gary Foster and Jim Bruhn to help Gary on the zip line installation.

Amber said that she got Ashford students to help with the playground clean-up at 1 pm Sept. 28. She said that some Rotarians helped with the Sept. 17 "Getting Ahead" dinner. She is looking for volunteers and donations for the October 15 dinner. She mentioned that November 2 is a drive for the Benevolent Society.

Vocational/International Service – Amber Wood

Amber said that she reached out to the schools and sent a letter "You Are Invited" detailing of what's expected from visiting students. She said that students who want to attend RYLA need to have everything ready by April. Jim D. mentioned that that this year's RYLA students did a great job with their presentation to the Club.

Public Relations – Jennifer Graf

Jennifer said that has put pictures and club information on Facebook.

Membership – Nathan Sondgeroth - no report

Old Business –

100 year project: Kellie send out a survey monkey to get input from members.

Jim D. said that we need to increase club assets. We spend a lot of time on fund raising. He doesn't want to see all the money that comes in used for projects. He suggests we set up a line item for endowments and maybe have the finance committee look at available funds within the Club. Jim D. said that we need to inform the Club where we stand financially. Dues to D6000 and RI are going up and our membership has declined. We could put out sponsorship opportunities to members, such as Christmas home tour and garden walk, etc. Could work, we can plan for it. Libby said she will ask for a chair person. The money raised would go to the general fund.

New Business –

Libby said that the Christmas lunch will be the same as the regular lunch.

Question was raised whether we want to participate in the Mardi Gras Parade. Last year Tom Determann participated. Libby will ask members to sponsor a banner and candy.

Libby said that John Frey will order the dictionaries. The dictionaries will cost \$684. Jim D. suggested the Club reconsider having a reading club instead of the dictionaries for next year. Amber said we could get involved in a literacy day.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 a.m.

Next board meeting is October 17, 2014