

Clinton Rotary Club

Board Meeting Minutes for December 19, 2014

Present: J. Dobbyn, J. Graf, L. Goodman, I. Lorenz, and L. McGraw

Absent: J. Bruhn, T. Determann, R. Klahn, S. Sander-Welzien and N. Sondgeroth

Minutes: Motion to approve the November minutes was made by Jim D. and seconded by Jennifer.
M/S/U

Financial Report – Lynn McGraw

Lynn presented the financial reports of November and the account quick report for the period November 1 through December 12, 2014. Discussion followed. Lynn said that she will let Libby know who has outstanding membership payments.

A motion to take a \$300 distribution from the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend endowment's available spendable balance was made by Jennifer and seconded by Lynn. M/S/U

The board reviewed the 2013 calendar year (July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014) Income tax return prepared by Lynn. A motion to approve the tax return was made by Jennifer and seconded by Libby.
M/S/U

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

President's Report – Libby Goodman

Libby gave an update on the playground equipment. Equipment ordered for the Rainbow Park totaled \$19,558. That amount should come from the funds raised at the 2013 and/or 2014 auction. The community service grant for the ADA compliant equipment for \$5,000 was ordered. Grant funds have not been received. ADA equipment totaled \$8,807. All the equipment was approved by the City of Clinton and was signed off by City Administrator Jessica Kinser. Vendor will bill the city and Rotary will reimburse the city once the invoices have arrived. Equipment delivery is scheduled for March 2015. Still under discussion are the playground surface and equipment installation plans with the city. A total of \$28,365 was spent on playground equipment this Fall.

Libby noted that some members want to review the monthly financial statements. It was agreed that Lynn will send the statements to Ida and she will send the statements to members after the board meeting. The board discussed the Rainwater Harvesting Grant in partnership with the Muscatine Club. Libby said that \$1,000 have been approved for International projects. Jim D. said that we need a source of funds to fund out-flow of funds for such projects. Libby noted that more details will come on this.

Libby wants to add discussions on policies and planning to the monthly agenda for review and discussions. Libby distributed a list of the 2015 District Rotary meeting dates (February 21, March 13-14, March 28 and April 17-18).

She said that our goal should be to keep the meetings closer to an hour.

Committee Reports

Club Administration – Rich Klahn – no report

Club Activities – Jim Bruhn - no report

Rotary Foundation – Jim Dobbyn

Jim D. said that some members have contributed to the Paul Harris Foundation. He said that Lynn gave him a list of people who contributed to the Foundation and he will take care of the points. Contributions under \$100 will not be matched.

Service Project – Jim Bruhn

Libby said that Jim and Idell Klein plan to meet in January to come up with ideas for the 2015 Community Service Projects.

Vocational/International Service – Shannon Sander-Welzien

Libby said that Shannon will start to recruit RYLA participants.

Public Relations – Jennifer Graf - no report

Membership – Jennifer Graf – new chair as of December 2014,

Jennifer reported that the membership committee met December 8. The committee reviewed and agreed to eliminate the Junior membership and the Judicial membership discount. The spousal discount should continue. A motion to eliminate the Junior and Judicial discount and keep the Spousal discount as of January 2015 was made by Jennifer and seconded by Libby. **M/S/U**

The committee agreed to consider a Corporate Membership annually for \$1,250 for three people to rotate. The corporate membership will not include Paul Harris Foundation funding. The committee will prepare a brochure to promote corporate membership and make it available at the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau.

The committee suggests the board consider establishing criteria for reduced fees for retirees, a clergy discount and consider a discount for members who bring in new memberships. There is \$1,000 earmarked for new member projects in the 2014/15 budget.

The committee noted that members who are unable to attend meetings are not considered honorary members. More discussions on honorary members are needed.

The committee had several suggestions regarding the set amount of meals. A meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2015, to discuss various options for meals with Mike Rastrelli.

Old Business -

100 year committee will meet January 13 at 8 a.m. at the Alverno. Dee has been working with the architect and contractors to get a vision that is realistic. Former Rotarian Bart Baker is partnering with the Dee on the project.

Muscatine Club on water project in India noted under President's items.

New Business --

Libby said that the Harlem Ambassadors Show BB Team scheduled for September 2015 could be a fundraiser idea.

It was discussed whether we should have a club meeting in early 2015 on brainstorming auction funding projects and whether the board needs to give the auction committee any guidance for the next year. Libby said to be sure we're communicating with everyone.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 a.m.

Next board meeting is January 16, 2015