

Muskegon Rotary Re-Wine Notes

March 2, 2017

Attendance: John Noling, Susan Crain, Orville Crain, Jules Terry, Corey Watson, Papa N'Jai, Kevin Ricco, Esther Ricco, Howard Hardesty, Asaline Scott

Guests: Kaytie Ely (Baker Rotaract), Braxton Gerdes (MCC Rotaract), Ken Johnson

Meeting started at approximately 5:15pm

Introductions were made. Orville introduced Ken Johnson who works at Waddell & Reed and also serves as a City of Muskegon Commissioner-At-Large. We are hoping that Ken joins Rotary and becomes a ReWine member!

Papa was inducted into Rotary at the lunch meeting. We are very happy to have him as a ReWine member!

Debrief of chili cookoff:

- Event was WELL attended.
- Still missing a ladle and a white extension cord from the event. If anyone has either item let John Noling know asap.
- Ran out of chili cups early, and then out of chili before 6pm.
- Next year we agreed that a smaller committee would plan the event and report to the larger ReWine group on a regular basis. At our next meeting we will discuss committee size and makeup.
- Need to find a different venue for the event. Need more seating for guests.
- Much discussion was had regarding the amount of chili, should we include vendors that would supplement the individual chili offerings so we don't run out like we did this year? Those entering the contest, should we set a minimum amount they need to make to enter the contest? 5 quarts or more?
- Ticket prices, do we still want to offer a family ticket along with individual tickets?
- Should we allow walk in's the evening of the event. While this brings in more \$, it can also lead to shortages like we had this year. How to plan for that? Should we make the walk in tickets more expensive?
- Chili prizes – we had 4 winners this year, maybe cut down to 3 next year?
- We could use a cash sponsor.
- We should create a logo for the annual event.
- Do we have time at the event for more student presentations?
- 50/50 raffle. Do away with prizes, just have one winner of the 50/50.
- It was agreed that we would do this again next year and the funds that would be raised would go towards the trips for next winter.

Other notes:

The ReWine group would like to be involved (partner with) more community events such as the community mixer in Muskegon Heights on May 25.

It was also decided that 10% of any funds raised by the ReWine group would be put into a fund to help out with miscellaneous items that the ReWine group determines it would like to donate to (i.e. help with students wanting to attend conferences, etc.)

March 31-April 1 is the World Peace Conference in Ann Arbor. There are several Interact/Rotaract students attending as well as Rotary members. John N. was asking for donations to help with hotel expenses for the students. If anyone wants to donate \$ let John know.

March 9 ReWine meeting will be at the Third Street grill as usual.

March 16 meeting will be at the Crain's. This is also the new member meeting. We will need a ReWine member to be at the Third Street Grill in case anyone wanting to attend the meeting shows up to direct them to the Crain's house. We also need someone to call the Third Street Grill to cancel our reservation for March 16.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Submitted by:
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