

Rotary ReWine Meeting Minutes, September 7, 2017

Meeting brought to order at 5:15 PM

Attendees:

Kevin Ricco	Susan Crain
Orville Crain	Esther Ricco
Larry Williams	Braxton Gerdes
Ken Johnson	Kaytie Ely
Asaline Scott	Annette Smedley
Susan Holkeboer	

Business:

1.) Introductions

2.) Lunch Meeting Update

- a. Love Lives Here initiative was discussed at the lunch meeting. It was born of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee and the letter drafted by the committee has been sent out to businesses and community leaders asking for their support in standing behind the initiative. They have been asked to sign on as a supporter and in doing so to be present at the rally.
- b. The rally is being held on Monday, September 11th at 5:00 PM at Hackley Park and yard signs with the "Love Lives Here" logo will be available for free. The committee will be accepting donations for those that wish to donate toward the signs, but a donation is not required to receive a sign. Any funds raised will be given to the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, which is paying for the signs.

- c. If you know of anyone (businesses or community leaders) that you think should or would be interested to sign on in support of the initiative, they can contact Asaline by Monday (9/11) morning.
- d. MAISD (Muskegon Area Intermediate School District) was the presentation today and they have a great group of people in charge of what is done at MAISD.
- e. John Severson was awarded a Paul Harris.
- f. Susan received a compliment from the district secretary about how welcoming and friendly the noon club made her feel.

3.) Chili Cook Off Update

- a. The date of the event is **Thursday, February 8th, 2018** and it will be held from **5:30-7:30 PM**.
- b. Set up will be prior to the event.
- c. Esther gave an update about the chili-cook off meeting that was held by the sub-committee last week. If you would like a complete copy of these minutes, please let me know and I would be happy to email them to you. The main concern right now is securing a venue.
- d. Additionally, suggestions/feedback was given by those in attendance at the ReWine meeting to the sub-committee, some of which included using a ticket system to sell the hot dogs and

“eating” chili, and starting a slush fund for youth programs with the money raised by the fundraiser.

4.) Love Lives Here

- a. Rally being held at Hackley Park on Monday, September 11th at 5:00 PM at Hackley Park.
- b. Yard signs with the “Love Lives Here” logo will be available at the rally.
- c. I have attached a PDF version of the letter to the email with which these minutes are being sent.

5.) Grape Escape

- a. Volunteers are still needed-if you would like to sign up to volunteer, please contact Diane Van Epps at dianemvanepps@gmail.com.
- b. Tickets need selling! To purchase yours, visit:
<http://startickets.com/events/item/muskegon-rotary-grape-escape-event>
- c. The Grape Escape Committee is also in search of 30 items for the silent auction.

6.) Additional Announcements

- a. For those that volunteered to supervise Interact Students at Irish Fest, the orientation is being held on Wednesday, September 13th and Heritage Landing from 6-8 PM.

- b. New Member Orientation is being held at Susan and Orville Crain's home from 5:30-7:30 PM on Wednesday, September 13th.
- c. The Muskegon Rotary Club now have an Instagram and Twitter account.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM