Present:

[ ] Kari Buttenhoff

[ ] Annette Benson

[ ] Brad Schmidt

[ ] Kayla Swanson

[x] Brandon Zumwalt

[x] Dave Lady

[x] Michelle Goltz

[ ] Art Benson

[x] Jesse Schweiss

[x] James Miller

[x] Bob Mathiasen

[ ] Kathryn Mueller

[x] Bill Adams

Meeting called to order at **11:05** AM on **08/16/2023**

**Secretary’s Report – Jesse**

* Approve minutes from March. **Motion by James Miller, second by Bill Adams**
* Agenda **– motion to approve Dave Lady, second by James Miller**

**Treasurer’s Report –** Kari Buttenhoff

* No report

**Communications Report –** Jesse Schweiss

* Nothing new this month.

**Membership Report –** Michelle Goltz

* Motion to approve Amy Neiland as member and moving Bruce Schoeman to Honorary membership by **Dave Lady and seconded by Jesse Schweiss.**
* Discussion to auto-renew Honorary memberships. Will be put into motion at the next board meeting.

**Social Report –** Bob Mathiasen

* August 5:01 will be the Green Lake boat Cruise.
* Bob is thinking about doing a progressive hike in September/October at Prairie Woods ELC.

**International Foundation Report –** Brad Schmidt

* Nothing new

**Club Foundation Report –** Brandon Zumwalt**/**James Miller

* BOD meeting was on 8/9/2023.
* 2023-2024 Officers:
	+ President – James Miller
	+ President Elect – Kari Buttenhoff
	+ Secretary – Michael Gramm
	+ Treasurer – Annette Benson

* Grant Donation Requests:
	+ Alexandria Rotary Club - **$1,000**
	+ Cardinal Pride – Not funded at this time.
	+ Children of the Promise - **$1,000**
	+ Family Promise - **$500**
	+ Glacial Ridge Curling Club – Not funded at this time.
	+ Hawk Creek Animal Shelter – Not funded at this time.
	+ Kandiyohi County YMCA - **$1,000**, designated to youth scholarship and water safety.
	+ Let’s Go Fishing - Not funded at this time.
	+ NLS Schools Baseball/Softball - Not funded at this time.
	+ Twin Cities Rotary EcoClub - **$500**

**International Report –** Annette Benson/Bill Adams

* Still need 1 more host family

**Service Report –** James Miller

* Will send out an email on REACH for volunteer opportunities.
* The Connection Experience submitted by Kim Madsen - asking for Rotarians to volunteer for 2 of their Tuesday evenings.

**New Business –**

* Michelle has narrowed down the window clings to 2 styles. Order of 250 of each style was **motioned by James Miller and seconded by Bill Adams.**
* Volunteering at Hawk Creek Animal Shelter – Michelle is working with them on what they need and when. Michelle suggested having the club take on a specific project that is done by the Rotary Club as a way to get us in the public eye more. Michelle will reach out to the shelter to see what we can do.
* James suggested adding a line item to the newsletter for the various volunteer opportunities that come up.
* Book Donations to Children at WPS
	+ $1,000 Annually to Scholastic Book Club - Child Guides order and distribute to some students based on a variety of circumstances (looking to get this clarified and specifically documented somewhere).
	+ Looking to get pictures of book distribution once again.
	+ Stickers will be ordered and placed on the inside covers of the book. “Donated to you by the Willmar Rotary Club. Happy Reading!”
	+ There will be a cost to the stickers. Are we willing to pay for those?
	+ Jewelie mentioned that the District is thinking about getting stickers made up for all the clubs and sending them out.
* Open World Program discussed. Board will explore this more.
* Mbale Water project – needs to go to Foundation.
* James will connect with someone at Bethesda to fill the Rotary membership that Caroline Chan had.
* WPS – Dr Holm asked about discussing facts of referendum. Stated that facts only, nothing about voting for it.
* PD did not mention any problems with RR this year.

**M/A/S/C to adjourn the meeting – Jesse motions. Michelle seconds. Motion approved.**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am**

**Respectfully Submitted by: Jesse Schweiss**