**ROTARY CLUB OF LAKE ZURICH**

**EVENING MEETING**

**APRIL 20, 2020**

**ATTENDEES:** Doug Ahlgrim, Barbara Barker, John Casper, John Croneigh, Petra Croneigh, Larry Ginsberg, Sam Martinez, Dale Perrin, Nancy Shepherdson, Beth Slaughter, and Bob Wehrle.

**GUEST:** Suzanne Lyhus from Glenview Sunrise Rotary Club.

**PRESENTER:** Bill Morris, founder of Blue Star Recyclers.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Petra Croneigh, President. This is the fourth meeting that has been conducted via Zoom as a result of the stay-at-home State directive.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

The minutes were reviewed, no corrections made. **Motion** made by Dale Perrin to approve the minutes. Seconded by John Croneigh. All in favor. *Motion carried.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Dale Perrin announced that he has submitted a $2,000 check to St. Vincent de Paul for their food pantry. At 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday, Petra and any other Rotarians that wish to join her, will be presenting the check to St. Vincent de Paul representatives. The check for $830 for the Lake County Diaper Bank as well as a check for the servers at D & J Bistro will be cut later this week. Once again, Dale reminded the members to submit any outstanding invoices to him for processing. Please submit your membership dues as soon as possible.

The distributor for Lake Zurich's Farmers Market has not returned his call. Inland Bank stated that they would store and take delivery of the liquor, if that is acceptable by the distributor. Dale will send in the proof of insurance. There will be no fees as we secure the liquor/liability insurance.

**SCHOLARSHIP:**

Beth Slaughter reported that the College Counselor, Carl Kraus has sent a notice out to the seniors about the scholarship opportunity through Rotary. There have been six additional applications come in for a total of nine. **Motion** made by Sam Martinez to extend the application deadline to June 1st. Seconded by Beth Slaughter. All in favor. *Motion carried.* Beth announced that the school district has closed school till the end of the academic year. There will not be a formal graduation ceremony for high school seniors. Subbarao Mandavilli will update the website to reflect the changes for the scholarship applicants. Nancy Shepherdson will update Rotary's Facebook page and post in the local paper the new deadline for application.

**PRESENTER: Bill Morris**

Bill Morris is co-founder of Blue Star Recyclers which began in 2009. This is a not-for-profit, self-sustainable, independent organization that provides effective electronic waste recycling AND provides training, employment and purpose to young adults with disabilities. The company ethically recycles electronics to create jobs for the disabled. It is:

\* Asset based employment

\* Zero government funding

\* Proven results (2009 - 2019)

\* Zero absenteeism

\* Zero lost-time accidents

\* Less than 10% annual turnover

\* 98% task-engaged-on-the-clock

Blue Start Recyclers transforms waste into fuel for the economy. Bill believes that a Multi-Club Rotary/BSR collaboration can offer some special opportunities for our Rotary clubs, including:

1. Demonstrate Rotary's active commitment to the environment and ethical/certified e-waste recycling.

2. Help to provide meaningful employment for the disabled, and

3. Facilitate responsible disposal of unwanted electronics by providing in-home pick-up of unwanted electronics, which are often difficult to lift and inconvenient to recycle.

How can or club get involved and/or help?

Bill Morris stated that with Rotarian support, Blue Star Recyclers will purchase a Sprinter Van that will be used for residential pickups. It will have a wrap that prominently displays the Rotary and BSR logos. Clubs will share use of the van to provide this community service and outreach.

Clubs that want to partner with BSR can do so by contributing as follows:

\* $1,000 = one week of the Sprinter Van in your community

\* $1,500 = one week of the Sprinter Van AND your club listed on the van

\* $2,000 = two weeks of the Sprinter Van AND your club listed on the van

Note: Weeks would be reserved on first come (paid), first reserved basis. The above fees are for a per year basis. A Rotary club can choose to support this project without doing residential pickups. Any amount over $1,500 entitles the club to be recognized on the van. The Rotarian may drive the van and a employee will go along.

Suzanne Lyhus from the Glenview Sunrise Rotary Club is coordinating this project at the District level. They are asking clubs in our District to pledge an amount if they are interested in participating.

**Motion** made by Beth Slaughter to pledge $1,500 to the Blue Star Recycler's program. Seconded by Nancy Shepherdson. All in favor. *Motion carried.*

**2020-2021 DISTRICT GRANT:**

Nancy Shepherdson announced that she will be submitting for the District grant by June 15th. A $500 grant will be coming from the district, $500 from our Club. Petra suggested that we look at possibly getting money for Operation Warm to buy coats, gloves, and hats.

**FOUNDATION MINUTE - THE SCIENCE OF HELPING OUT**

Barbara Barker read the following from the Rotary Foundation:

This past week **The New York Times** featured an article which validates the feelings we have when helping others. To quote from the article:

At a time when we are all experiencing an extraordinary level of stress, science offers a simple and effective way to bolster our own emotional health. To help yourself, start by helping others! Much of the scientific research on resilience – which is our ability to bounce back from adversity – has shown that having a sense of purpose, and giving support to others, has a significant impact on our well-being.

The author, Adam Grant, states that one of the best anti-anxiety medications is generosity. The great thing about showing up for other people is that it doesn’t have to cost a whole lot or anything at all, and it ends up being beneficial to the giver. Our bodies and minds benefit in a variety of ways when we help others. Both giver and receiver benefit whether the support is large or small, whether monetary or time; it can be as simple as a phone call, giving advice or just lending a listening ear.

Helping others helps us to regain our sense of control and to regulate our own emotions. Those with resilience find meaning and purpose in helping others in need – simply helping a neighbor or doing shopping for someone will benefit not only the person you helped, but will bring you benefits too.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. by Petra Croneigh. The next Zoom meeting will be held on Monday, April 27th, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Y. Barker

Secretary