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**ROTARY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**ATTENDEES:**  Petra Croneigh, Dale Perrin, Eric Cozine, Sam Martinez, Nancy Shepherdson, and Barbara Barker.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

The special meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Petra Croneigh, President. The meeting was held via Zoom.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

a. Outstanding Dues: Dale Perrin reported that there were eight outstanding dues remaining. Each member is requested to pay $85. Total due: $680.

b. Credit Card Payments: One member requested information on how to submit a credit card payment. The member needs to login into Club Runner under member access to make the payment. If assistance is needed, please reach out to Dale.

c. Follow up to Outstanding Members: Dale will reach out to those who have yet to make a payment. Nancy and Petra said they will also offer assistance to those members with whom they are in contact. Dale noted that there is $7600 in operations. Approximately $5600 in the charitable account, $3500 of which is earmarked for the Kuechmann Kove, Children's Nature Playscape project. More monies will be coming in for that project. $4600 is in the special account.

d. Scholarships: There is a total of $10,000 available for scholarships. A vote was taken among the board members and it was unanimously agreed that this year's scholarship will be for $750 each for two recipients. Beth Slaughter will forward the information out to the students this week that the application for a scholarship is due April 30th. The scholarship committee will review the applications early May for distribution by June 1st. Nancy will also approach Mr. Krause, the school counselor so he can also disseminate the information.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:**

a. Kuchmann Kove: We have agreed to provide funding and physical assistance to the project on Saturday, April 24th. We will be helping with the Discovery Lab structure. The Aloha Builders have developed a plan and will be the primary builders of the structure. Volunteers from Rotary may assist with light carpentry and/or painting. Petra will be sending out an email about the various two hour time slots that need to be filled by Rotarians to assist in the project.

b. Ela Peace Project: This is a steel sculpture that is illuminated from within. On the structure is written: May Peace Prevail on Earth. Peace will be written in various languages on the sculpture. The cost is: $66,000. Rotary has been approached to participate. Names of Donors will be recognized. The sculpture will be located next to the historical society on Main Street. The plan is to have the project completed by World Peace Day on September 21st. More discussion on the project and our involvement will be done on April 19th at the annual planning committee meeting.

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c. St. Vincent de Paul: We will continue to provide them with books. At this time, St Vincent de Paul is continuing the drive through food pantry. Unsure if they will be doing any dinners later this year and whether or not we will be involved. Rotary will still provide two boxes of trash bags per their request.

**C. FUNDRAISING:**

a. Farmer's Market: The Lake Zurich Farmer's Market starts on Friday, June 4th to September 10. Times are from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Last year the event was cancelled as a result of COVID. This year, we have been asked to participate and provide the beverages. We sell beer, red and white wine and hard selzer. Dale has agreed to order the products. We can store the beverages at Lake Zurich Family Martial Arts across the street from Paulus Park. Nancy will send out a sign-up genius asking for volunteers to help with setup, breakdown and selling the beverages. Trustees from the Village can provide some assistance.

b. Music Bingo: Petra introduced the idea that can be done in-person or on Zoom. The cost of the host is $300. A person can purchase one card for $20, two for $30, three for $35. Each Bingo card has the name of the song and the artist. The game is played as traditional Bingo only using song titles. A portion of the proceeds will come back to Rotary. A suggestion was made to send out invitations to all of our Rotarian friends and invite other Rotary Clubs as well. Of course, we are encouraged to invite friends and family to participate.

c. Oktoberfest: Mike Marr in Long Grove will be hosting the event again this year. Petra will reach out to him to find out his schedule and what our responsibilities would be. More information to be forthcoming.

d. Ugly Sweater Shuffle: This project is under consideration. More discussion on the topic at a later date.

**D. ROADSIDE CLEANUP:**

Nancy selected Saturday, May 15th as the date for our roadside cleanup project. She will send out a sign-up genius for volunteer participation. Hopefully, the weather will be more agreeable.

**E. MEETING IN PERSON:**

More folks are getting vaccinated however the committee agreed that it would be more prudent to continue Zoom meetings till mid-summer. After that time, we could consider having the lunch club meet once a month and the evening club meet twice a month, with one meeting for business and the second meeting for a service project and/or social.

**F. CLUB EXECUTIVES/DIRECTORS:**

Suzanne "Sam" Martinez, the incoming president is conducting interviews with potential candidates for the Board. More will be reported as the decisions are finalized.

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**G. MISCELLANEOUS:**

Petra discussed the Girl's School in India and has asked Subbarao Mandavilli to give us an update at the Planning Committee meeting on April 19th. We can then decide our level of funding and participation that we can provide for the school.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. The next Zoom meeting will be held on Monday, April 19th. We request your participation for our annual planning committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Y. Barker

Secretary