**MARION-EAST CEDAR RAPIDS ROTARY**

**May 8th, 2025**

**Attendees- Tom B., Katie P., Kyle L., Bob B., Alex C., Zach S., Erik M., Jeff S.**

1. Call to order at 12:01 pm
2. Approval of Minutes-1st Bob B.-2nd Katie P.
3. Approval of treasurer’s report- none available- will have next month
4. Old business
   1. Waffle Breakfast- 317 people served, great feedback from attendees.
      1. The exact financial details will be available soon.
      2. Looking at changing the date to May 16, 2026, and location to Lowe Park to coincide with the Kite Festival- more details to come on this once Katie meets with Seth from Marion Parks and Rec.
      3. Raffle was successful- the smoker and tickets were donated.
      4. First Federal also donated $1,000.00.
5. New Business
6. Club Administration
7. Siren Wednesday on Thursday- this is to continue as an opportunity for fellowship.
8. Membership
9. Prospective Members
   1. Michael Rector
   2. Eric Lamp
10. Marion Leadership in Action- 15 community leaders will be at the meeting on 5-15-2024. An excellent opportunity to add new members and let them know who MECR is, and why they should consider joining Rotary.
11. Foundation
12. Service and Fundraising
13. Morning Mixer
    1. May 15th- Indian Creek Nature Center
    2. June/July/August will potentially be off, with no Mixer. This is to be determined by Kyle.
    3. Continue into 2025/2026- Alex is looking at possibly making some changes. More details to come.
14. Can Shed
    1. Frank suggested that we look into the can shed and see if we can list Shoes for Kids as a donation. Katie contacted them and filled out the form. Once she receives confirmation, she will send out a notice to all club members and advertise on the website. Once set up, anyone can go and turn in the cans at any can shed. Instead of taking the money, they can ask to donate it to our shoes for kids program. Katie will keep us up to date.
15. Shoes for Kids- Partner with Marion Cares to provide 100 pairs of shoes to add to the Backpack back-to-school program. This will be determined once the financial details are worked out.
16. Endowment
17. IT/AV- need a new computer for Club business. Kyle is to see if Ohnward Bank has one they can donate.
18. Anything else for the good of Rotary
19. Adjourn at 12:55 pm.