

Springfield Rotary Club BOARD Meeting
January 5 2024
Sr. Solutions Conference Rm
Noon to 1:00 PM
DRAFT Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Emma, Deb, Ed, Marty, Sue, Jeff

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen

December Minutes: Motion by Marty, seconded by Sue to accept minutes. PASSED.

Treasurer's Report: Waiting on venue expenses to close out Penny Sale. Motion by Marty, seconded by Deb to accept report. PASSED.

Old Business:

- Chester Club: Emma and Deb are meeting with Chester Rotary on 1/10 to go over next plan of action to present to the board and club.
- Rotary District Grant: Emma is meeting with Springfield Booster Club on 1/11 to present \$2,000 for the new football bleacher project.
- 95 Books: Karen will work with Sue Dowdell to determine where books will be distributed. - TABLED
- Trex Plastics Challenge: The fifth bench will be given to Springfield On The Move next week. We have collected 146 pounds of plastic film towards the 1000 pounds needed for our sixth bench which will be tentatively given to SOM. So far, 3,276 pounds of plastic film has been removed from the waste stream, delivered to Shaw's Supermarket, and heading to Trex Company for recycling.
- Global Grant Opportunities: Emma will pledge the \$1,000 to Breast Milk Collection Station in Brazil.
- Membership
 - We are still waiting for membership dues checks from (1) Craig, (2) Gulnick, and (3) Krupinsky. These members are still included on our roster to RI.
 - Deb will introduce "Bowl of Life" at next club meeting.
 - Prospective members:
 - Motion by Emma, seconded by Jeff to invite Alan Englander and Jill Lawrence to Fireside Chat. PASSED. Fireside Chat committee is Jeff, Karen, and Carol Cole.
 - Motion by Deb, seconded by Ed to invite Ryan Jennings and Michelle Chamberlain to attend club meetings as prospective members. PASSED.
- Committees: Emma will assign committee memberships.
- Donation Requests: We have received thank you letters from Springfield Family Center and Santa Claus Club. No response yet from Edgar May and Northern Heritage Mills.

New Business:

1. Ideas for Community Projects: Emma reviewed community projects suggested by members:
 - a) Help move Springfield Family Center – more info needed from Karen
 - b) Diaper Drive – tentatively planned for April
 - c) Literacy Project – tentatively planned for May by Jeff
 - d) Do something regional for food drives – Springfield drive tentatively planned for May
 - e) Festival of trees for 2024 – ask Buddy for November
 - f) Warming Hut/Shelter
 - g) Weekend/school vacation food availability
 - h) Upgrade Chester/Springfield welcome signs with other clubs in town
 - i) Interact Club
 - j) Membership Event (get new prospective members all together)
2. Donation Requests:
 1. Bear Project at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation: Proposal received to help develop a website. Motion by Marty, seconded by Ed to donate \$500. PASSED.
3. Speakers and Lunch Orders: Emma will assign members to find speakers for meetings. A Google Doc will be created so that members can order lunches.
4. Governor's Lunch: Still looking for date for February. Location will be RVTC.
5. Upcoming Programs: 01/09: TBA (Jeff); 01/16: Lee Trapeni, Homelessness Awareness; 1/23 – Kayla Bapp, SAPCC; 1/30: No club meeting; 1/31: Club social at Fullerton Inn; 2/6 – Bill Neukomm COVER Home Repair; 2/13- Jeff Mobus, Springfield Town Budget; 2/20- Sue Triplett, Friends of Veterans; 2/27- No club meeting; 2/28: Club social at Fullerton Inn

NEXT MEETING: February 1 at Senior Solutions Conference Room.

Motion by Marty, seconded by Deb to adjourn. PASSED.