

Springfield Rotary Club BOARD Meeting
October 5, 2023
Sr. Solutions Conference Rm
Noon to 1:00 PM
DRAFT Minutes

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff

Minutes: Motion by Marty, seconded by Ed to accept the minutes of the September board meeting. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: TABLED.

Old Business:

- Chester Club: They are looking into holding club socials at Fullerton Inn. Members have been added to club mailing list to receive club communications.
- Rotary District Grant: Waiting to hear from booster club about presentation of donation for the new football bleacher project.
- Trex Plastics Challenge: Black River Action Team has picked up the fourth bench. We have collected 340 pounds of plastic film towards our goal of 1000 pounds for a fifth bench. To date, 2,438 pounds of plastic film has been removed from the waste stream, delivered to Shaw's Supermarket, and heading to Trex Company for recycling. We are waiting to hear back from Scott Farr to see if the school can be involved. If the school is not involved, then the bench will go to Springfield on the Move.
- 95 Books: Karen will work with Sue Dowdell to determine where books will be distributed.
- Member engagement: Some members are feeling financial pressures due to supposed obligations towards participation in fundraisers. Members should be encouraged to participate to their financial comfort level. Also, dues can be made in payments. Emma will explore ways to make meetings more fun.
- Rotary Global Grants: We will participate in a project in Brazil to create a breast milk collection station. We will determine at next board meeting as to the amount of our participation.
- Prospective members: Emma is reaching out to two potential members.
- Penny Sale: We are halfway towards our prize goal of 300.
- Meeting location for winter months (Nov-Apr). We will meet at Mabelines for six months starting on November 7. There is a room rental fee of \$75 per meeting so we will ask attending members to give \$5. There will be a limited menu from which members can pay for their own lunch.
- Donation request by Vermont Student Anti Racism Network tabled until we receive a more detailed proposal.
- Child & Maternal Health Opportunity: We will organize a diaper drive to benefit Springfield's Diaper Bank. Courtney Hillhouse from Building Bright Futures and Angela Kelley from SAPCC will make presentations to the club.

New Business:

1. Upcoming Programs: 11/7 – No speaker identified yet; 11/14 – Courtney Hillhouse, Building Bright Futures; 11/21 – No meeting (Thanksgiving); 11/29 – club social
2. Food Drive – Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive will be on Saturday, November 18. Emma will clear date with Shaw's and Ed will check into trailer.
3. NEXT MEETING: November 3 at Senior Solutions Conference Room.

Motion by Marty, seconded by Karen to adjourn. Approved.