

Springfield Rotary Club BOARD Meeting
September 7, 2023
Sr. Solutions Conference Rm
12:05 to 1:00 PM
DRAFT Minutes

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen

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

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Deb, seconded by Sue to accept the treasurer's report. Discussion: To date, 17 members have paid their dues. Marty will send out reminders. Three out of five web sponsors have paid. In addition to Paul Kendall, Lori Muse and Julie Martin have resigned their memberships. Emma will reach out to see if Paul would like to be an honorary member. Jeff is submitting the club's 990 form. Donations to the Maui Fire Fund and Ludlow Relief Fund have been sent. Approved.

Old Business:

- Chester Club: They will be inducting a new member at one of our club meetings. They have been invited to make any announcements.
- Rotary District Grant: We have received the \$1000 grant, which we will match towards the new football bleacher project. Emma will arrange a check presentation.
- Trex Plastics Challenge: A fourth bench has been ordered and will be given to Black River Action Team. The program has now changed in that we need to collect 1000 pounds to receive a bench. Each organization can get only one bench each year. We have collected 106 pounds of plastic film towards the 1000 pounds needed for our fifth bench. To date, 2234 pounds of plastic film has been removed from the waste stream, delivered to Shaw's Supermarket, and heading to Trex Company for recycling. The success of the project is putting a strain on the library. We need to solicit help from members to sort the plastic. Marty will be presenting the project to the Windsor Rotary Club on September 26. We are waiting to hear back from Karen to see if she was able to contact 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: Tabled.
- Member engagement: Active members that have not attended a meeting for a while were contacted.
- Rotary Global Grants: Emma presented three opportunities. She will inform the membership about a project in Brazil to create a breast milk collection station. Info available at <https://www.matchinggrants.org/global/project3072.html>
- CPCC sound system: Emma will check if CPCC has a sound system for our meetings.
- Prospective members: Emma is reaching out to two potential members.
- Penny Sale: Ed is looking into chair rental and a new banner. Emma will be distributing list of business from which we can solicit prizes.

New Business:

1. Upcoming Programs: 9/12 – No speaker identified yet; 9/19 – Roger Allbee, former VT Secy of Agriculture on the history of VT agriculture; 9/26 or 27 will be club social in Karen's home; 10/3 Amanda Sidler, Springfield Development Office; 10/10 Penny Sale; 10/17 Tristram Johnson, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation; 10/24 No meeting; 10/31 No meeting; 11/1 Club social
2. Meeting location for winter months (Nov-Apr). Sue reported that Mabelines is available. Emma will check if the Fullerton Inn is available for club socials.
3. Donation requests:
 1. Motion by Marty seconded by Ed to give \$100 to Claremont Sugar River Rotary Club for their Stand with Ukraine event. Passed
 2. Motion by Marty seconded by Ed to give \$150 to Springfield on the Move for their Rollin on the River event. Passed.
 3. Motion by Ed, seconded by Deb to give \$300 to Chamber for their Apple Festival. Passed
 4. TABLED request by Vermont Student Anti Racism Network.
4. Child & Maternal Health Opportunity- TABLED.
5. NEXT MEETING: October 5 at Senior Solutions Conference Room.

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