



Weekly Club Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 13, 2017

Overall Comments:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 51 people in attendance.
Meeting Details:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Held at Minneapolis Club
President's Comments and General Meeting Announcements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President Bill Klein rang the Rotary Bell to begin the meeting then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.• Reflection was given by Jeff Roby regarding Rotary Service and relief already being provided on the Caribbean Islands after recent Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. This is a great reminder of "Service Above Self."• Doug Schmitt led us in the Star Spangled Banner after providing a podcast clip by Garrison Keillor telling of the history of the writing of the song by Francis Scott Key.• Guests were introduced by Marlene Dietrich.• Ken Stone made announcements about Canstruction. Volunteers will receive an email regarding shift times this Saturday.• September picnic is rescheduled (due to rainout) for September 23.
Vocational/Happy Bucks:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gary Stang collected Happy Bucks.
Program/Speaker:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Today's Day Chair, Christopher Morris introduced Guest Speaker, Mark Nerenhausen from Hennepin Theater Trust. He talked about Arts as an Economic Development Tool. He gave background on his history of Arts Management. He is motivated by what Arts does for a community. The Trust is one of the largest arts organizations in the state, its programs serve over 6,000 people each year. It ranks number 7 worldwide in terms of attendance. It also works with over a hundred high schools each year to make their programs better. It also partners with non-profits to give access to arts for those who might not be able to participate. The mission of the Trust is to create positive change and works to make arts beneficial for all (not just those who attend the Broadway shows). The

economic impact of a performing arts center like those in the Trust is equal to \$50-100 million a year. In a mobile world, we need the Trust to attract and keep people in the community. By strengthening school theater programs in rural communities, it helps to keep people in their communities. The Trust also collaborates with local urban homeless shelters in the community to create murals and work with children in the shelters which also helps to better community. As Rotarians, as you think about things that make things better in the community, please remember that the Trust's work begins after the curtain goes down and it is in the community trying to make it better for all.

- Mark Nerenhausen answered questions from the audience.

Next Week's Program:

- Carol Russell – COL Survey Report
How can club be more meaningful for its members?

The meeting was adjourned with a ring of the bell by President Kurt at 8:30am

Reporter: Tom Tamura