

Kim Bedier Fireside 10-20-20

Attending: Maria Harlow, Gretchen Adams, Larry Treleven, Diane Kelleher, Kim Bedier
Kelly Lane tried to get on and had difficulties
Ann Voves and Rusty George canceled.

Question: Some clubs have started hybrid meetings: small appropriately spaced groups meet at a restaurant or other safe place and the meeting is also transmitted by zoom and/or Facebook. Are you in favor of us moving in this direction? Would you come to in person meetings?

Larry – small groups ok; limit numbers, use multiple venues

Diane – outdoors ok, groups of 10-12

Gretchen – no, wait until next year

Maria – no, don't want to overburden the medical system/supplies

Kim – no

Comments:

Set up a Tour de Halloween; make a map of decorated houses

Zoom meetings are really good, Chris S and Kathryn doing a great job. Could do some team building, ie sing happy birthday, engage people more. Like the variety of songs (God Bless America, America the Beautiful). Keep variety at meetings. Highlight a Rotarian Hero at each meeting, get to know members better.

Larry suggested a fund raiser or gathering on the beach at his house once we can get back together .

Come up with outdoor activities, meet for wine/ cheese/ pizza – members have tents, outdoor heaters

Keep the hybrid meetings going once we get back together.

Give “engagement credits”

Question: what Rotary activities would you want our club to plan during this pandemic year??

Develop/maintain projects for small groups ie like the raingardens, Santa for Seniors packing, Sandwich making for Rescue Mission, Raising Girls, focus on food insecurity. Is there a list of organizations that we support?

Auction: Elaine Chan and Steven Deal – we talked about the new format

Do multiple small social fundraisers – can do in waves/timed entry

Cindy Niemi Fireside – 10-20-20

Attendees: Lori Harnick, Cindi Niemi, Kathryn Nelson, Arvind Phukan, Diane Tilstra, and Whitney Grissafi.

#1 Question: Are you in favor of hybrid meetings and where could we meet?

—Make appointment calendar for “in-person” meetings that all Rotarians to rotate through and meet safely for seating and service. Planning outside venues an option with covering and patio heaters.

—Does Yacht Club have outdoor decks with covering? Partial.

—Wash State Vashon Ferry? Could be fun, protected from weather as walk on but limited in time?

—Rent a movie theater? Theaters are beginning to open up again. Pt Ruston as an example.

—Pt Ruston Apartments not allowing guests to have large groups right now in their meeting space.

—Can we use the Yacht Club for a limited number of people? Contract renewal discussion.

—Canadian clubs and Longview already doing hybrid meetings. Tacoma’s Sunrise club is also.

—Hotels? Kim B said no groups are allowed yet.

—Golf outing could be allowed. Fircrest cannot hold groups.

—Plan a lunchtime walk or hike or after work hours? Chambers Bay or Hylebos.

—We need to be more in touch with Rotarians during this time. KN suggested doing a COVID CALL-A-THON.

—Some new potential members have elected to bow out at the present time. People are getting saturated with ZOOM calls.

—Speakers have been very good and providing these programs helps connect people.

—Continue hands on volunteer events with better organization, i.e., call for volunteers at the meetings so that a list can be drawn from by organizers and then they won’t run out of people to call and put on the calendar to engage. Contact Gil or Diane Kelleher if you have project idea.

—Kathryn announced projects: 50 Santa Bags for Seniors: 5 people needed; Raising Girls will need volunteers, Sandwiches for the Men’s Shelter organized by Seth Kaplowitz needs volunteers. Check Gearshift and READ ALL THE WAY DOWN!

How do we amp up meeting sponsorships?

—With a total of 270 club members sponsorships would only come up every 5 years! Maybe for profits can sponsor a non-profit? Give members a list of non-profits represented in the club.

—Perhaps offer a discounted fee for a period of time to sign up or offer more time to promote the business.

—We could promote more “pairings” of businesses and non-profits.

—Clubs can link up with students to help them incorporate learning how to promote a business. Jonathon Jackson, Palmer Scholars was suggested to get them involved.

—Lori Harnick will join the Vocational Committee where sponsorships live!! Thanks, Lori!

—Arvind suggested we locate a map that shows “underserved businesses” in Tacoma to reach out to for membership and sponsorship.

Jim Whitacre Fireside 10-20-20

Attendees: Jim Whitacre, Jim Harris, Jeff Lovely, Cynthia Darland, Enid Harris, Joe Missel, Jeff Albers and special guest prior Tacoma #8 member Amelia (Meyer) Benitez. Our Fireside began at 5:30PM with a round of introductions and was followed by each participant informing the group as to their length of membership and who was their sponsor. The group then discussed what/how they were all handling the current Pandemic and lack of interpersonal contact.

President Kathryn’s discussion question for the evening produced a rousing give and take 1) hybrid meetings-small appropriately spaced groups meeting at a restaurant or other safe place via Zoom or Facebook. The group to a person felt that these would be great ways to engage with other members without exposing ourselves to a larger group. Jim Harris mentioned that he had done this with John Schneider and Jim Whitacre at Cook’s Tavern for one of our noon meetings. A common suggestion was that we might have board, past presidents and/or committee chairs act as host and invited 2-4 others to join them for lunch and a meeting. 2) what Rotary activities would you want our club to plan during this pandemic year. It was felt that activities such as the sandwiches for the Rescue Mission were great as they could be done from our home. We had agreement that there is no end to the need within our community and that we could reach out to groups such as EFN, Rescue Mission and Food Banks to get their feedback on how we could support them. The group also agreed that we should explore some ways to show appreciation for educators and first responders.