

March 22, 2018 Meeting Notes:

The following projects were proposed by members in attendance:

1. Projects with West Bend Parks & Recreation. This is a list of ideas from Craig Hoepfner:
 - a. Villa Park – Additional playground equipment or new open-air shelter. \$4,000-25,000 (I believe you already provided some funding for play equipment)
 - b. West Bend Dog Park – New open-air shelter. \$20,000
 - c. Regner Park – Shade Structure(s) around the Beach. \$5,000-20,000 each.
 - d. Regner Park – Camp Lodge, needs complete redo of the restrooms and other updates. Project cost is probably closer to \$80,000-\$100,000, however \$25,000-50,000 could help get this project off of the ground.
 - e. Ridge Run Park – Meadow shelter; needs structural and electrical updates. \$15,000-25,000
 - f. Recreation Division – it is solely self-supporting, so a sponsorship or donation would be welcome. Sponsorship of the Dirty Ninja Mud Run for Kids™ event, youth softball leagues, swim beach or other recreation programs. \$2,500-10,000
 - g. Big ticket items coming up: Downtown Riverwalk – West Section and Regner Beach House complete renovation with new restrooms, concession area, biergarten and indoor meeting room.
2. West Bend Theater Project
3. Community Garden Project – create a community garden, sell produce at farmer’s market, donate to food pantry
4. Albrecht Free Clinic – provide them with equipment they need
5. Heroin Project - Expanding on our work from Hidden in Plain Sight
 - a. Treatment: Help fund treatment for those who can’t afford.
 - b. Awareness: Program in the high school by drama club to raise awareness of issues and show students how it affects individuals and families.
6. Habitat for Humanity Build: \$50,000 for materials for a house.
7. Blue Lotus: they can always use help with different projects.

Discussion Take Aways:

Overall members want to collaborate with other clubs and community groups. Members also enjoy “boots on the grounds” projects.

The large scope and current relevancy of the Theater Project could help invigorate the club and would be good for the downtown area. Several who toured expressed support for this project. We could also receive publicity from the group for our support.

Park projects also received support. Rotary has a long history of supporting parks projects. Regner is a resource our community should be proud of and is known outside of the community. Members expressed support for Camp Lodge or Beach House projects.

Members expressed support for project aimed at opioid epidemic. This is a very serious problem in our community and we have an opportunity to help save lives. “It’s one thing to enrich lives, it’s another to save lives”

Members also expressed support for a Habitat Build. This project has appeal because we could seek to collaborate with other clubs and provide “boots on the ground” service opportunities.

Amanda to follow up with Blue Lotus for “boots on the ground” opportunities this year, such as spring or fall clean up.

Consensus was that we should take on more than one project. There was a lot of excitement about different ideas. If we pick one focus, we may lose members and potential members who are not excited about that one area of focus. We will need to recruit more members if we are to be successful in these projects.