

Notes from Yonkers-East Yonkers Rotary Club Board Meeting, January 14, 2021

Welcome...The meeting was called to order by President Steve at 5:55pm

Attendance...7 Members: Ali, Bina, George, Greg, Mahbub, Steve, Tim (Quorum = 5 members)

Agenda...

- **Club Foundation Partnering with Satellite Club**

On a motion by Mahbub, seconded by Bina, the Board voted unanimously to recommend that the Club Foundation use its 501c3 status in partnership with the Satellite Club to apply to Panera Bread to be part of its "Day-End Dough-Nation" program to provide food to the Greenburgh food pantry. This approval is subject to the Satellite Club providing the Foundation and the Club with weekly reports on its use of the Program.

- **January 23rd Meal and Physical Check-up**

On a motion by Tim, seconded by Steve, the Board voted unanimously to partner with the Hindu Temple, YCAP, and the Fuller Center for Housing to provide a community meal distribution on January 23rd and to accept a \$300 donation from Jacobson's Pharmacy for the meals (to be purchased from Dos Marias) and to include medical checkups from the Pharmacy.

- **Donation to YCAP**

On a motion by Steve, seconded by Tim, the Board voted unanimously to donate \$750 to YCAP to support the installation of a new freezer for its food pantry. Club members volunteer at the food pantry on a monthly basis.

- **New Member...Prospective Member**

On a motion by Steve, seconded by Greg, the Board voted unanimously to approve two recommendations of the Membership Committee: 1) to approve the membership of Tom Meier (a returning member) and 2) to approve Ronan Orenstain as a prospective member (Matts Ingemanson, sponsor) and to authorize him to attend at least 3 Club meetings before being considered for membership. Membership Chair George will notify both.

- **New Meeting Times - Pilot Basis**

In response to the discussion at the last Club meeting about members not being able to attend daytime meetings, the Board - on a motion by Greg seconded by Mahbub - voted unanimously to have the first meeting of the month start at 12:15pm and to have the last two meetings of the month start at 7pm beginning next week for the next 3 months on a trial basis.

- **Distribution of COVID Masks**

Thanks to a gift from the District – coordinated by AG Bina - the Club received 6,000 surgical masks and 2,000 children's masks to distribute to the community. The purpose of the distribution is to help combat COVID and to publicize Rotary. Maria, as chair of this Committee, will recommend to the Board the specific amount to be distributed to the community groups.

- **Update on Club's half-year finances & budget**

The Board postponed this to the next meeting subject to receiving a financial report from Club Treasurer Ali.

- **Update on Dues payment to RI and RD7230 for Jan 1 to Jun 30, 2021**

Treasurer Ali reported that the Club's dues to RI have been paid and the Club's dues to the District will be paid when the invoice is received.

- **Update on Grants:**

- **Global Grant: Anti-Bullying Workshops & Refurbishing of Basketball Court at Lennon Park.** President Steve reported that a meeting with Steve Sansone, Deputy Commissioner of the Yonkers Parks Department, is scheduled for Friday, Jan 15 to re-start this project. The goal is to complete this project by June 30, 2021 the current deadline for the grant. There is a balance of \$43, 283.40 in the account.

- **District Grant: Centennial tree planting and bench**
President Steve reported that this project involves installing trees/benches/Rotary plaque in two public spaces in Yonkers - one in west Yonkers and one in east Yonkers. The District granted the Club \$2,500 for this project and the Club provided a \$2,500 match. The Committee will visit sites in Yonkers and make recommendations to the Board next month.

- **Club Grants for Spring 2021**

Given the impact of COVID on the Club's fundraising, the Board discussed how the Club will fund the grants it usually awards in the spring: Community Service Grants, High School Scholarships, Interact Scholarships, and International Projects (African Dream Academy, Nairobi Water Project). The Board agreed to postpone this discussion until it reviews the report on the Club's finances.

- **Applying for Grants**

Given the impact of COVID on the Club's fundraising, the Board agreed to work with the Club's Foundation to start applying for grants from local foundations and corporations for its community and international projects.

- **Adjourn.**

President Steve adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm