

Notes from Yonkers Rotary Club Board Meeting, Oct 28, 2020

Welcome

The meeting was called to order by President Steve at 5:30pm

Attendance...Members (8, quorum = 4) Ali, George, Greg, Mahbub, Philippe, Steve, Sundra, Tim

Agenda Items

- New Member. On a motion by Mahbub, seconded by Tim, the application of Mihailo Kocovic (Matts/Sundra sponsors) for membership was approved 9-0. (Email vote from Bina) **Welcome Mihailo!**
- Community Service Grant. On a motion by Sundra, seconded by Ali, a grant of \$750 to the Heritage Rotary Club for food for seniors in Yonkers was approved 8-0. This is also an opportunity for community service!
- International Service Grant. On a motion by George, seconded by Mahbub, a grant of \$600 was approved 8-0 for the following project in Haiti:
 - Four barrels will be packed and sent to Haiti by mid-December. Two will be filled up with face masks, gloves and school materials; two with non-perishables such as, canned food, rice, beans, oil, salmon, tomato paste and sauce, crackers. Two barrels will be delivered to the Rev. Father Bien-Aimé, the Administrator of Sainte Thérèse de L'Enfant Jésus' School and the President of the Rotary Club of Delmas, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Two barrels will be delivered to "Maria", one of the most reliable humanitarian groups in Haiti.
 - Mahbub suggested that the Committee contact the Afya Foundation in Yonkers to help with this project (www.afyafoundation.org).
 - George pledged to donate \$500 to the Club Foundation for this project. **Thank you, George!**
- Report from the District. AG Bina via email, reported that the District approved two grants for our Club:
 - \$250 to new member Jimmy Nolan for his project to provide holiday presents to Yonkers families. Club members are encouraged to help Jimmy with this project!
 - \$2,500 for our Centennial project to install a bench and trees at two public parks/places in Yonkers. The Club is also contributing \$2,500 to this project.
- Club Membership Survey. 11 members (a quorum!) completed the survey. The highlights include:
 - 73% favor having a community service project every month
 - 73% favor eliminating 1 meeting a month to help members make the time to participate in community service projects.The Survey results will be posted on the Club website.
- Dues. On a motion by Greg, seconded by George, the Board voted 8-0 to end the membership of any member whose dues are delinquent by more than 4.5 months.
- Centennial Raffle. The Board encouraged all members to respond to the Raffle Committee's request to purchase raffle ticket by the December 13th drawing. The grand prize is \$3,000. Tickets are \$100 each. With our other fundraisers eliminated by COVID this year (Pancake Breakfast, Admin of the Year dinner, Annual Dinner), this raffle is needed to enable the Club to continue to support our Community, International and Youth projects. In this Centennial year, it would be special to sell all 100 tickers!
- Centennial Book. The Board looks to the Committee for an update on this project.
- Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm