

Notes from Yonkers Rotary Club Board Meeting, Dec 23, 2020

Welcome...The meeting was called to order by President Steve at 6:25pm

Attendance...6 Members: Bina, George, Greg, Mahbub, Steve, Tim. (Quorum = 5 members)

Agenda Items

- **Request from the Satellite Club for a \$250 grant to for start-up costs**

The Board expressed its interest in supporting the Satellite Club as it develops by-laws, leadership, conducts well-attended meetings and carries out community and international projects.

On a motion by Greg, seconded by Mahbub, the Board unanimously voted in favor of granting \$250 to the Satellite Club from the Club account.

- **Request from the Untermyer Conservancy for a \$750 Community Service Grant.**

Tim (Chair, of the Community Service Grants Committee) reported that this application was mistakenly left off list of grants it received to review in April and that, if it were included, the Committee would have recommended that the Board approve this project. The Board also found that since only 5 Grants have been awarded out of 10 that were budgeted, there were sufficient funds available to support this project.

On a motion by Tim, seconded by Bina, the Board voted unanimously to approve this grant.

- **Discussion on partnering with Jacobson Pharmacy and YCAP on a "Meal & Medical Check-Up" Community Service project in January.**

Club member Brian Harrod proposed that the Club's next meal distribution include a free health check-up. After discussing this idea with Jacobson Pharmacy, Brian reports that Jacobson's will provide the check-up and will donate \$300 to the Club for meals. The Board agreed that this would be a great community service project and will seek other sponsors - with a goal of providing 200 meals. (Meals seem to cost \$6 - \$6.50 each) Maria Abdullah will chair this project.

- **Discussion on awarding the Club's 2021 Youth Scholarships only to high school students in Yonkers who will be attending Westchester Community College**

This approach has been discussed previously but the Board is ready to proceed in this direction now - subject to feedback from Club member Myra who is Chair of the Youth Services Committee. The Board will set the amount of each scholarship and the number of scholarships after a review of the Foundation's finances.

- **Discussion on setting up a By-laws Committee to review the Club's current by-laws**

In light of the issues raised by the:

- Impact of COVID on members lives and meeting schedules; and
- The recent formation of the Satellite Club

the Board would like to review the current by-laws. President Steve asked Tim to lead this project as chair, recruit a few Committee members and to present a first draft to the Board by February 1st.

- **Honorary Members**

Club member Maria Abdullah has proposed that two Doctors, who are willing to advise the Club on COVID and vaccine matters, be approved as Honorary Members. Their resumes will be distributed to all Board members and a vote will be taken.

- **Commendation for President Steve**

Mahbub proposed that we all commend Steve for his leadership of our Club during the past year. Steve took over the Presidency under difficult circumstances and skillfully guided the Club through the pandemic to achieve the Rotary Presidential Citation and engage in the highest number of service projects in our Club's history. The Board commended Steve by acclamation.

- **Adjourn.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm