



Ellsworth Noontime Rotary Board Meeting Minutes
8:00 AM Darlings Chevrolet Conference Room
Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Attendance:

Tiffany McMullen, Leann Beal, Mark Politte, Josh Kelsey, and Heidi Grindle.

Old business:

Community Service Project.

Tiffany followed up with Jody Wolford-Tucker and they determined it would be best to wait until next year to hold the service project at Hospice of Hancock County. This year as the project is new it was felt one location would be best and there would need to be plenty of small as well as larger scaled projects to be completed at the site. Tiffany met with Mike Riesman and Meredith Friend from Beth C. Wright who were both very excited about being the benefactor of the Earth Day project this year. This location will work well as they are looking for help with overall cleanup projects, additional mulch on some existing gardens, they have plenty of space to add decorative trees, as well as space for smaller perennials. There is also a walking path located on the property that could be expanded. See attachment #1 for the Community Service Project poster reminding all Club members to save the date and time of April 28, 2018 from 9 AM to 11 AM to help with this project.

New member dues, pro-rating policy.

As discussed last month, Tiffany made the amendments and presented the proposed language to the Board. This policy will be added to the existing Bylaws as Article 6, Section 3. The reason for the proposed amendment was to provide clarification and consistency with new membership dues. A final vote by the Club will take place at club assembly on March 22, 2018.

Mark made the motion to accept this language and place it out to the Club for final action. Leann seconded the motion. All Board members presented voted unanimously in favor. Tiffany will forward the language to Terry for the weekly blast.

- **Proposed amendment to bylaws:**

Amend Article 6, add Section 3 – A new member will pay a true proration for months served during the club year plus the \$50 new member fee. The months served will begin

the first day of the month the member is inducted. Example: new member joins February 5th, they will be billed \$135 (\$17 per month (5) + \$50 new member fee). When renewal invoices are generated for the next term, new member will be invoiced the full year membership dues of \$200.

Website.

Tiffany has been working on updating Clubrunner to be personalized for Ellsworth Noontime Rotary. It looks very nice and the Board would like to encourage all members to check it out. The changes can be seen directly from the Homepage. The website address is:
<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/7949>.

New business:

PETS.

Leann will be attending PETS training in Canada this year. The Secretary training will not be at the PETS training this year; however, that training will take place separately in April. Leann will not be available to attend the Pre-PETS meeting; however, an invitation has been extended to Wally for this training. The training will take place in Bangor on February 27, 2018.

Apple Dumpling 2nd grade book project.

Tiffany followed up with the Ellsworth School Department on this project. Due to mandates the School was not able to implement this program at the beginning of the year as anticipated. The teachers are hoping to hand out the material when the students return from February vacation. The School Department will provide the Club with an update once the material has been distributed to the students. This update will be very important in determining what direction the Club should take with this project in the future. The Board discussed possibly distributing the materials next year to the Guidance Counselors rather than the 2nd grade teachers. The Board thought they might have more of an opportunity to use the material as their mandates may be slightly different.

Ellsworth Library.

The Board discussed an invitation from Amy Wischart to be included at the Welcome to Ellsworth Event the Ellsworth Library is planning for March 21, 2018 from 4 PM to 8 PM. This event is designed for new residents of Ellsworth primarily to see what Ellsworth has to offer as well as the different opportunities to get involved in the Community. This would be an opportunity for different groups to set up tables and provide brochures on their organizations. The Board felt we might want to pass this year based primarily on the way membership into the group is designed.

Request for funds to support a student to study abroad.

The Board received a second request for funds from Todd Little-Siebold to help support his

son's choice to study abroad. The Board discussed the request and decided it was not a cause the Club was in a financial position to support at this time.

Committee reports:

Jen Saunders, Treasurer

No report this month.

Heidi-Noel Grindle, Secretary

Clubrunner has added a new report for tracking guest attendance. This could be very helpful in determining which guests might have an interest in becoming club members. The attendance numbers are starting to improve, and the Club is starting to have a lot of repeat guests attending.

Mark Politte, Focus group

Mark reminded the Board that he does not mind being involved with the prep meetings with the attendees; however, is not good with finding organizations and people to take part in the sessions. There was a discussion on creating a Committee with the sole focus of finding organizations and individuals to take part in the Focus Groups. All the different avenues that have been explored in the past for recruiting applicants was discussed. This is an area the Club really needs to focus on.

Leann Beal, Program

This quarter the Programing Committee has struggled finding programs. There is one more date to fill in March. The next quarter is almost filled with programs, as many of the topics suggested for the current quarter had speakers that were not available until the following quarter.

Paul Pangburn, Students

The revised scholarship application has been attached (attachment #2). The new application has the following question added: How would this scholarship impact your college education? During the last student meeting, Club members are encouraged to bring enough of their business cards for each senior to receive one. The Club will provide each senior with a business card portfolio so that they can keep the cards all in one place for networking purposes throughout their future. During the last student meeting the Club will provide an opportunity for the students to provide quotes on their experiences with the student mentoring program or even videotape the students to be included in the student mentoring power point presentation.

Crystal Richards, Membership

March 3, 2018 a Membership training session seminar will be held. Anyone interested in attending can contact Tiffany for the details.

Kermit Theall – Leann motioned to accept Kermit’s retirement resignation. Tiffany seconded the motion. All Board members present voted unanimously in favor.

Derek Jones and Chelsea Sawyer – Leann motioned to approve the membership applications from Derek Jones and Chelsea Sawyer. Heidi seconded the motion. All Board members present voted unanimously in favor. Derek and Chelsea will be included in the weekly blast from Terry for Club consideration this week.

Currently, the Club is in the process of actively recruiting four more prospective members. Their membership applications should be coming before the Board within the next month and then will be put out to the Club for consideration.

The Board is also aware of three additional individuals that have voiced an interest in visiting the Club and potentially joining in the near future.

Josh Kelsey, Foundation Chair

Josh did a great job creating the Foundation Giving letter (soft invoice). Approximately a third of the Club membership have contributed to the Foundation for this Club year. The Board is hopeful the remaining members will contribute between now and the end of March.

Board decisions:

Approved the amendment to the Bylaws to include the new member dues proration formula under Article 6 Section 3.

Approved Derek Jones and Chelsea Sawyer’s membership applications.

Approved Kermit Theall’s retirement resignation.

Follow-up action:

Leann will follow-up with Walley Tapley to confirm he is available to attend the Pre-PETS meeting in Bangor on February 27, 2018.

Leann will complete her registration for PETS Training in Canada.

Tiffany and Josh will schedule a date and time during the last week of March to meet with representatives from the Beth C. Wright Cancer Center to visit the site and finalize the Community Service details.

Next Board meeting:

The next Board meeting will be held in the upstairs Darling’s Chevrolet Conference Room on March 20, 2018 (first day of spring) at 8:00 AM.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 AM.

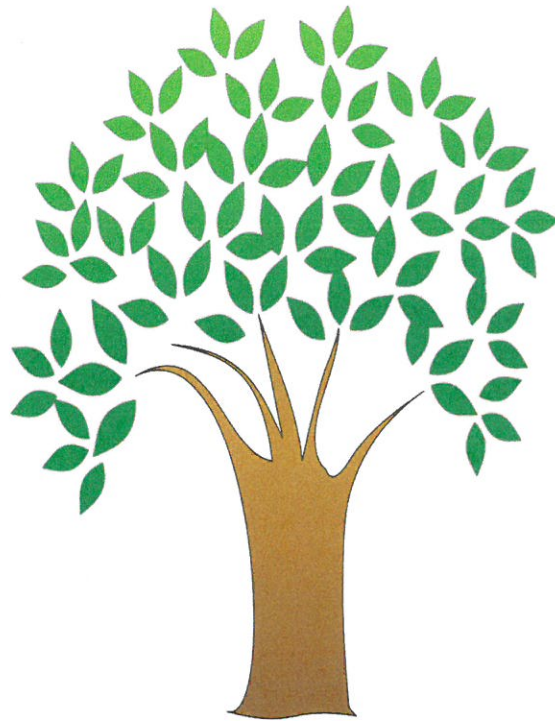
Date: February 24, 2018

Signature: *Heidi-Noël Grindle* 

Submitted by Secretary Heidi Grindle
Date emailed to President: February 24, 2018



**Ellsworth Noontime Rotary will plant trees at the
Beth C. Wright Cancer Center**



Mark your calendars!

Saturday, April 28th 2018

9am - 11am

25 Commerce Park, Ellsworth

Bring water & gloves

Name

Application Deadline April 15th

Address

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Telephone

Email

Schools Applying for:

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High school and community programs and activities outside of class:

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Your aspirations following high school and college

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How would this scholarship impact your college education?

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******Please attach references******

Return this application to:

Paul Pangburn

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