

ROTARY CLUB OF FAIR OAKS
Board Meeting
August 15, 2018



Presiding: *President Bruce Vincent*

Board Members Attending: Bruce Vincent, Dennis Dunbar, Pete Schroeder, Dawn Abatemarco, Nancy Regan, Diana Cralle, Karen Romines, Joe Arguelles, Teri Riave, Jim Cralle

Absent: Anne Browning, Blaine Lamb, John Paul Jones, Eric Howery, Jeanne Maloney (Co-Chair)

Co-Chairs/Guests: None

Meeting was called to order by President Bruce at the Cralle home at 6:52 pm. A quorum was present. A revised copy of the agenda was circulated. Dennis commented that the missing banners have resurfaced. Bruce and Dennis need keys. Pete still has his keys to the storage on the stage. Minutes are approved as there were no objections.

Treasurer's Report - Nancy Regan

Nancy distributed the Profit/Loss Report. Nancy said the bank account balance stands at \$56,000.

Youth Services Report – Teri Riave

Teri went to SJUSD to sign up as a fingerprinted volunteer. Each school has a form that needs to be given to volunteers to take to the district office for fingerprinting. Only need to get fingerprinted one time which will give the clearance at each school one volunteers at. TB tests are required every 3 years.

Teri, Alice and Fred Rowe met with Bella Vista counselor, Heather Hawkins about when to set up meetings for the Interact club. They decided on twice a month. The first two are 9/15 and 9/29. One would be a board meeting and then one other would be the club meeting. There is a possibility that there would be other meetings based on events or fundraisers being planned. Teri, Fred and Alice also met with Interact Board recently. The Board is very enthusiastic. Some of them were RYLA campers this year and talked about their life changing experience.

Joe mentioned that Northridge got the AboutKidz funding needed to begin the after school program. Rush is planned to be at BV on 9/7. This is when each of the clubs have a sign up for new members. It was recommended that Rotary bring pictures and poster boards of international projects because this is what the high school students are attracted to. Alice and Fred are taking a group of Interact kids to the IPOTs Workshop on 9/22. Pete Schroeder said he is planning on meeting with Darrin Kitchen next month so they can talk about Career Day.

Nick Broad is interested in starting an Interact Club at Sacramento Waldorf. Teri will look into this. Bruce read the 3 letters from our RYLA campers. The cards will be available at an upcoming meeting for the club members to read.

Membership – Diana Cralle

Diana has a new member that she would like to propose to the club. He is one of her neighbors. His name is Ed Ring. He attended 3 general meetings and Night at the Races. Employed at California Policy Center as a Policy Researcher. He is interested in Community Service and International Services.

Diana proposed Ed Ring as a new member – Karen Romine seconded the motion. all approved and none opposed. Motion carried.

Diana would like to invite the Cemetery District. Pete mentioned the Water District and the Park District. We are looking for more prospective Civic Memberships. Diana said the Park District has replied that they are not interested. Teri might reach out again to the Park District. The Fair Oaks Theatre Festival Group would also be a good group to invite.

Diana has not been able to enter Judy Blatchford in Club Runner yet. There is an issue with email addresses when 2 people share the same address. Leaves of absence requests require board approval. We need to formalize with Tom Raines and give an extended leave of absence. Julius Butler will also be needing an extended LOA.

Public Relations - Karen Romines

Karen mentioned that ticket sales will go up if people know that their money is going right back into the community. We need to do better marketing of the club. Members should wear their Rotary shirts whenever they are doing an event. Rotary signs should be at the 2 entrances into the village. Diana mentioned that FORP is concerned that if they advertise FORC they will have to advertise all. We are on board with that. More visibility is the goal. We should get our information out into the Messenger. Also do more partnering with Orangevale Club and the FO Orangevale Food Bank. Diana mentioned that the Honeymooners want to be mentors. Dennis is heading this up. Building relationships with new members is key to having them join in activities and committees and stay in the club.

Item 1 The Blatchford Prize

The discussion was about naming awards after deceased members. All members agree that recognition of deceased members is important to us as a club, but maybe not so much to outsiders. With the recent losses of Bob Walters, Charlie Gaston, Gerry Foote and Charley Blatchford, we all agree that we want to honor them in some way. We discussed naming the awards after specific passed members for a specific length of time. Another suggestion was to call it the Rotarian Memorial Award and list the recently deceased member(s). We also discussed that some of these deceased members had a cause they were passionate about (community service, education, international, youth) and talked about the awards being targeted in those areas. Plans are to speak with the spouses of departed members to see what they think would be the best way to honor them. Some felt \$1,000 prize for a photo contest was too much, as a comparison, the Speech Contest only awards \$400. Teri suggested splitting the \$1,000 into two awards. One for Photography and one for Visual and Performing Arts. Jim Cralle said we should be looking at this as 2 issues: 1 – Naming the Award, and 2 – Setting the dollar amount. Then, checking with the new principal at BV to see what his thoughts are on this award. Diana felt we should give awards that reflect the passions of each one. A subcommittee (headed by Teri?) will be set up to consider how to honor deceased members, but for now this item will be tabled. Older members should be included on this committee.

Item 2:

None listed.

Item 3 Budget Approval

Jake Kurtz found a band for the Chicken Festival. Foundation pays for this. Cost: \$300. Actual Value: \$2500. Bands contact their followers through Facebook accounts.

\$4,000 in Global Grant money was a carry-over from Karen's year. \$1,000 was a separate donation. Check has been sent to Las Barilles.

Bruce would like to spend more on bands to draw more people into the beer garden and stay longer. Dennis and Jake are making sure we don't run out of beer this time. We need donations of at least 1 keg from each participating brewery.

Regarding the Crab Feed: the club pays for the crab, decorations, entertainment, venue, DJ, Food, Expenses are covered with the money from the ticket sales. We are neutral on the crab feed.

We have surplus in the treasury. Bruce suggests that we allocate \$1,000 on bands for the Chicken Festival. Bruce said the additional cost will likely have to come from club funds since the Foundation has already budgeted for this year, but we can ask.

Pete Schroeder made a motion to budget up to \$1,000 For two bands this year at the Chicken Festival . Teri Riave seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

Diana had a suggestion for the float regarding costs of repairs. She would like to suggest a permanent decoration/structure for the float (e.g. Christmas Tree, Gingerbread House) to be stored at Duncan's house on Mariposa. The other two clubs that use the float have come up with permanent decorating structures that they use and store there also. She would like to have talented members come up with an idea for this. Then, smaller decorations can be added to it as needed for events. Joe Arguelles had some structural ideas for this. Karen said during her year, money was sent to the Citrus Heights club to provide a cover for the float. That has not happened, and the float is showing signs of water damage. Bruce will look into it.

Diana proposed a one time \$1.000 to construct a permanent decorating structure for the float. Dennis Dunbar seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Pop up tent was approved during Anne Browning's year. Dennis is going to pick it up. A cover has been ordered for it. We have not paid for it yet.

Karen Romine proposed to approve the budget. Teri Riave seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Bruce said he will clean up the budget from the comments tonight. Nancy Regan had some reservations that have been clarified.

Item 4: District Grants – Karen Romines

Karen said 32 clubs requested \$123,000 in district grant money. Our club requested \$5,000. Our district only had \$79,000 to disburse. The District had to cut 20% from projects and 50% from scholarships and RYLA. Out of our \$5000 the district will match \$4000 instead of \$5,000. The Orangevale club requested \$3000 and they will get \$2400. The project is down \$1600, however, our disbursement dollars are based on how much money our club contributed to Rotary International 3 years ago. So that money comes back to us based on 3 years ago. 50% goes to global grants and 50% to district grants. RI has decided that on a “one time only” “trial basis” they are going to give money back 20% of the money that they did not use over all the years. For our district its about \$18,000 (20%). RI is going to watch how this money is spent and see if they want to continue to return unspent money. We have had many years, and even last year, that the District ha not used all of the money that was provided by RI. When this happens, the money goes back to RI and goes into our Global grants program, not into District Grants.

Karen said the unspent money was district grant money to begin with, and it should go back to the District and its clubs. Karen will be fighting for this at the next Foundation Committee meeting. With that money, The District would favor projects over scholarships and the District would be able the returned money immediately. We are down \$1600 in our grant money request for this year (\$1,000 for Fair Oaks and \$600 for Orangevale), but we may be getting additional district money.

Many clubs are using some or all of their District Grant money for scholarships, but Karen does not like that. The district is also not in favor of this. We might see the money October or November but no promises. Bruce suggested we do a Board vote on this idea. Karen said not needed . On another note, RI wants all Paul Harris points given out. Board can decide on who to give them to. Firefighters, Police, educators as recognizing their ongoing contribution to the community and encourage membership. Also, put it out to the public. Diana suggested to give them out to spouses of deceased members, contributing members, etc Diana suggested bringing back “pass the hat” for new members.

Diana would like to nominate Pat Gaston, Cleata Simpson, Judy Blatchford, Vicky Foote and Tom Raines for Paul Harris awards at the next meeting. Dennis Dunbar seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

ITEM 5 – ACORN Editor needed

Bruce is still doing the Acorn. Editor is needed. Betsy Gade and Vicki Walter are not doing it this year. Bruce Hagel, Fred Rowe and Cliff Straehley are note takers at the meeting.

Item 6 – Vocational Awards

We would like to give Vocational Awards to Marcy Garcia and Missy Benke who have done the Holiday Baskets every year. They are both teachers. Certificates will be given.

Jim Cralle made a motion that vocational awards be given to Marcy Garcia and Missy Benke . Teri seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

August 27 is scheduled as a vocational meeting. We have 2 club members that have agreed to speak. Jacob Giorgi had become successful as a professional mover and avoided going broke, and also Eric Howery talking about his life in the nuclear Navy. Fifteen minutes each. Also we can present the 2 vocational awards at that meeting if time permits.

Item 7 – Leave of Absence

None at this time.

Item 8 – October 5th Monday

Bruce asked for suggestions of groups to invite to our next 5th Monday. Possibly the Cemetery District., Park District and Water District. Another idea for a 5th Monday would be to have a Trivia night and invite the public and/or another club.

Item 9 – Aid for Fire Victims

Rotary has organized a fund drive. Bruce would like to designate \$500. Victims need money donations rather than items. Rotary Foundation has a 100% rating on Charity Navigator for getting the most of donations to the intended charity/disaster.

Item 10 – Inventory of our Materials in Storage

Joedda Wick has volunteered to help.

Club Runner, Go Daddy and the club website

Club is having major problems accessing Club Runner via “Go Daddy”, which costs \$20 per year. A decision has been made to transfer domain name now to Club Runner. Cost will be \$5 more per year. Paid from President discretionary fund. The transfer has been done. The website should be easily available within 2 days. Old bookmarks are no longer functional. Log in and save a new bookmark.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Announcements

No announcements

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:16 pm . Next meeting: 9/19/18 Location: Dawn Abatemarco’s