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**ROTARY CLUB OF FAIR OAKS**

**Board Meeting**

**October 17, 2018**

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***Presiding: President Bruce Vincent***

**Board Members Attending**: Bruce Vincent, Dennis Dunbar, Pete Schroeder, Dawn Abatemarco, Nancy Regan, Anne Browning, Diana Cralle, Karen Romines, John Paul Jones, Teri Riave

**Absent:** Blaine Lamb, Joe Arguelles, Eric Howery, Jeanne Maloney (Co-Chair), Jim Cralle  
  
**Co-Chairs/Guests:** None

**Meeting was called to order by President Bruce** at Marie Callender’s Restaurant at 7:05 pm. A quorum was present. A copy of the agenda was circulated. September minutes were reviewed and approved with 2 corrections. There were no objections.

***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

***Treasurer’s Report - Nancy Regan***

Nancy reported that there are still six members that have not paid their club dues. Diana Cralle offered to contact them individually. Nancy said we stand at $52,189 in the treasury with 2 more deposits to make and a few bills to pay (storage fees and rent). Pete Schroeder said that the sponsor fee for Concerts in the Park has been paid so we will have a tent up every week. Everyone agreed that a presence at the concerts has been key to bringing in more members to the club.

***Public Relations - Karen Romines***

Karen reported that Jim Erickson and Nick Broad have agreed to be the reporters for the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank solar project and will cover the solar panel install and ribbon cutting ceremony. Paul Scholl from the Messenger has replied and confirmed he will follow up. Karen suggested to him we feature “Rotarians in Action for both the Fair Oaks and Orangevale clubs and put that in the Messenger. He was on board with this idea.

Karen has been looking into the insurance and registration requirements regarding the float. For the past 25 years of its use, this has been overlooked. Also, the current Citrus Heights club board is not aware that 2 years ago we paid money to share that float with them and the Folsom Club and had been trying to sell it. Karen said that they were supposed to discuss it at their board meeting last Friday. Karen has emailed Rich Hale who will look into this. She noted that there are police officers in the CH club that she has asked about the insurance and registration concerns but they did not have any answers for that. She also noted that the Folsom club and our club gave $250 each towards the $750 cover that was supposed to be purchased. Right now, an old boat cover is partially covering it, but the float is showing signs of the wood warping due to rain that has been sitting on the exposed areas of the float. Karen said she will continue to follow up on this.

On Oct 27, work on the Gingerbread house to sit on top of the float is slated to begin. Teri Riave and her committee will be working on the decorations after it is built. Karen said it will be designed to be removable so that the other clubs will be able to install what they want for their use. The Folsom club has a Veterans Day parade and will need the float for that event.

***Community Service - John Paul Jones***

* Safe Halloween is coming up. Jake Kurtz will be the oversight for this program. We have a lot of books, but could use some more for young children. Fliers and posters have been distributed around town, and to the local preschools and daycares. Janet McWilliams will sign up the readers. We could use more storytellers. Face Painters have been set up. John Paul mentioned that our recent RYLA students had been working with other students the weekend before Halloween to read stories to young children. They will have short play vignettes as well as bubbles and games stations. John Paul hopes to gather new ideas from that. Also, when the kids pick up books from the theatre, they will be encouraged to sit down and look at the books with their parents to determine if it is the right book for their reading and understanding level. Another addition to this event is free eye testing from Steve Hoverman’s group. The event is set up as a trail for the kids to follow and participate in these stations where they will get prizes or candy. Pete Schroeder will play music for Safe Halloween.
* The following groups are participating in Safe Halloween: Inner Wheel, Womens’ Thursday Club, Leisure Arts, FOVEC, Park District, and Theatre District.
* Veteran’s Battle of the Oaks is scheduled for 11/2/18. Karen and Neil handled it last year. Karen asked if John Paul would ask Neil to head this up. Beth Purcell is also involved in this event.
* Clean up Madison Avenue. November 17, 2018. Neil Shepherd is heading this up. Interact has been invited. That will be the Interact Club’s first activity.
* Receiving Home. We didn’t do this last year. Somewhat disappointing since the kids are only there for a limited period of time and the lists that we were given rarely if ever went to the kids who asked for them. Suggestions were made about giving gifts to either Womens Empowerment or Centerpoint.
* Festival of Trees. Tree decoration Dec 1. Honeymooners will be heading this up. Diana registered the club for the tree decoration, the float and parade. We need someone to take over the tree decoration. The gingerbread house will be reloaded onto the float.
* December 16. Anniversary of our 100 tree planting in the park. We only lost 7 trees over the year.
* Dec 19 or 20. Food Baskets at Northridge. Jim Erickson is heading this up.
* Another Madison Ave clean up is scheduled for January 2019.
* Senior Luau first Thursday in March. March 6. Bonnie McClain will head this up. Mary Cate Gustafson might be able to get some of her HS kids to help in place of the Interact kids. Bella Vista HS does not release the kids to attend the Luau event. Karen asked if John Paul could bring up with the Park district to include Fair Oaks Rotary on the signage for this event. John Paul said it is on the ticket and it is on the placemats. It is also in their “Roost” magazine.
* Oakmont and Fair Oaks singing venues might be an opportunity to hand out fliers about Senior Luau
* Little League. Opening Day? Pete Schroeder will get the details on this.
* March 30. District Assembly. Good experience for our new people.
* May 18 District Conference (0ne day)
* May 6 My Park Day. This is where we earn credit toward our reduced clubhouse rent.
* May ? Big Day of Service
* May 5 Fair Oaks Fiesta
* Memorial wreath at Fair Oaks Cemetery

April is available for service projects. Trivia night is scheduled in April.

***Immediate Past President - Anne Browning***

Anne has nothing new to report on the “Good of Rotary” project but will be getting more to report next month.

Nominations for president candidates for the 2020-2021 year will be requested during the next 2 weeks. Then the past presidents will hold a meeting on 11/4/18. The announcement should be made on the last meeting of the year during the annual meeting. Dennis Dunbar will be announcing his board at the same meeting. According to the bylaws, we have to have this info into the district by December 31.

John Paul asked where the Orangevale Fair Oaks Food Bank would fall in the club committees. Also, where would the Human Trafficking project fall under? Bruce felt that with Keith joining the club next year, he would be managing that. Teachers need to be trained for the Human Trafficking project and until that happens, we don’t have any thing to do with that. Lucy Martin expressed an interest in getting involved. We are waiting for the Chair (Orangevale Club) to let us know. Bruce said when they moved to Phase 2 then there may be something for us to get started with.

***Dennis Dunbar – President Elect***

Dennis spoke about the purchase of the Easy Up. The printing was slightly off. It should have said Rotary Club of Fair Oaks. Instead, it says Fair Oaks Rotary. Since it was a mistake on the Printer’s side, they are giving us a $100 credit. If we have anything that needs to be printed, we can use this. Karen suggested having cards printed up that we can give to prospective new members and guests with contact info and the link to our website. We have been told that we cannot give access to the Acorn to nonmembers, but we can invite them to visit our website. It was suggested that the membership chair could forward a copy of the Acorn for them to read.

Dennis suggested replacing Trivia night with Night at the Races as a fundraiser for the mentoring program. The Honeymooners had a meeting last week and they are onboard with that change. Anne said that the Foundation has to be the one to ok this change. The board cannot approve it. Dennis will talk to Dan Smallhouse about this.

***Youth Services Report – Teri Riave***

Teri , Alice and Fred Rowe have been attending the Interact meetings at Bella Vista H.S. They had over 30 kids at the last meeting. They are a very enthusiastic group under the leadership of Sophia and Makenna (two of our recent RYLA grads). Sophia and Makenna have the kids on a communication link so that they can notify everyone about the meeting dates/times. Over 20 students signed up to volunteer at the Historical Society Soup Night on November 2.

Teri was over at Northridge again volunteering in the kindergarten classes. Northridge will be creating a “wish” list for us. She also mentioned that she is planning to have a group reading books at Safe Halloween in front of Thistle Dew.

Fred, and Alice Rowe and Maggie spent the weekend with all of the RYE students in San Francisco.

It was a great time bonding with everyone.

Read across America is slated for March 2 and Anne would like to have club members sign up to read to the students.

***Membership – Diana Cralle***

Diana would like to see Dorothy Sutter given an Honorary Membership. Anne Browning will contact her and talk to her about this.

Three people have contacted Diana through the website with an interest in joining the club.

**Diana proposed Melonnee Desiree as an Associate Member. Anne seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion was carried.**

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

***ClubRunner/District 5180 website***

For now, it seems the website seems to be ok.

***Community Rotaract: Dennis Dunbar***

Dennis Dunbar, president elect for 2018-19, is working with Roland Wright. There are 3 other clubs collaborating to go district wide with a plan to bring in the 20-30 year olds into a Community Rotoract club. An invitation to Top Golf in Rocklin will be sent out to this targeted group. A request has been sent to Steve Singer and Angela Spease, both coordinators of the RYLA camp, for the contact information of former RYLA students who would now be in the target age group,. Mary Cate Gustafson has been in contact with Sondra Wildman, former Rotaract lead at Sac State. Sondra is interested in being part of a club with younger, active people.

**Anne Browning made the motion that Interact students who attend our meetings should eat for free, especially since we now pay the cooks for 65 dinners, whether or not we actually have 65. Dennis seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**

***Honorary Member Status***

Anne suggested inviting all of our recently Honorary members to a meeting and be recognized. It was suggested that instead of singling them out at meetings, have a special meeting where they all stand up together. Another idea would be to plant a tree in their honor, giving a memory candle and forget me not seeds.

***Float Progress***

Karen Romines addressed this in her report on page 1.

***The Good of Rotary Committee (Anne)***

We will interview people who have been recipients of the good works of rotary. We would take a 30-60 second clip to show at meetings on a once a month basis. It is another way of highlighting the leadership we strive for with useful and meaningful detail, while possibly drawing in those 20-30 year olds. We could include former Peace Scholarship winners, RYLA grads, etc.

***Mentoring Program***

This was discussed by Dennis (page 3).

***NEW BUSINESS***

***Marketing Fundraisers***

As a club, we need to become more digital. Nick Broad and Keith Walters have some ideas on this. Advertising needs to be stepped up. We need to look outside the club for people to attend our events. We could possibly have other clubs advertise for us as we would return that favor to advertise their events. Bruce has discussed this with Ray Ward, Reed Gustafson and Jake Kurtz for their ideas. Our tickets are designed so that we can keep track of those who have attended. With the Crab Feed event this year, if you pay for a table of eight ahead of time, you can pick the one you want. This makes it easier for the club rather than selling a ticket at a time. We will have music while guests are waiting in line. The auction items need to be looked into. The Uncorked event only had 11 items bid on. Trips are a big hit. We should look for local artists that might want to display. We need to find ways to make our events more appealing.

There needs to be a list of those members who will be staying to do the clean up. Uncorked event was not well staffed for cleanup. Only a few people (including non rotary members) ended up staying much later because members did not stay to help cleanup.

***Disaster Relief***

There is $1000 in the budget. We already committed $500 to the fires. We will not be donating to Hurricane Florence relief. There is a 66% chance that this could be an El Nino Year, so we may need to have funds available to support that effort.

***Leadership***

If you can manage a project in a volunteer organization, then you can manage a project on the jobsite easily in comparison. Rotary can help people with building leadership skills that can carry over into the workforce. This will be of great value to those in the 20-40 year old bracket. Taking your education out into the real world can be a culture shock for those that have spent 4 years learning in the school environment and step out into the real world. Karen and Bruce will be looking into possibilities of senior members mentoring younger who may be looking at a similar career path.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:38pm

Next meeting: November 14 at Karen Romines house.