

Rotary Club of Portage Bulletin

Porta-Rota-Call

June 23, 2021

by Jeannine Willacker

Meeting called to order by President Matt Semelbauer.

President Matt led us in the four-way test and Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation by Chris Buckley.

Greeter was Mary Lou Wright.

Bulletin by Jeannine Willacker.

Pre-program presentation by Paul Carlson on our Portage Rotary club global grant initiative.

Donation by the Portage Rotary will be club matched by Rotary international.

Tanzania was suggested for the grant. Rotary international makes sure that the grant money is not wasted or embezzled. Pictures were presented of the facilities that were very wrong and very basic. Rotary international does not raise money for housing, due to lack of future maintenance of the housing.

This \$38,000 grant will help With literacy programs. \$11,779 needed by Portage Rotary for the project. \$6630 raise so far we have \$5000 to go for the project.

Paul asked for cash donations from each Portage Rotarian to fund the project.

Please call Paul if there are questions or comments.

President Matt announced the Rotary Hero award to Bonnie Granado. Bonnie has followed through with hard work, energy and success on Rotary club projects over several years. Many thanks to Bonnie for her hard work and successful projects.

Due to family illness of the club

Presenter, President Matt conducted the pass the gavel section of today's meeting.

President Matt reported with the pandemic hitting in March last year everything changed for Rotary, this past year.

President Matt thanked everyone who stepped up to make the past year a successful one for Rotary.

He further thanked, AJ Srmek and committee, Chris Buckley and Joe Romeo on keeping our books in order.

Portage Rotary club lost two members who died in 2020, Joanne Willson and Chad Tufts

63 members were retained by Portage Rotary.

President Matt further thanked all Rotarians, Tom Welsh and the Portage Rotary board for all of their assistance. The whole year was one of virtual meetings.

President Matt then turned the gavel over to Emily Turner, our new Portage Rotary club president.

President Emily thanked President Matt for a great job, Past presidents and Rotary board members for all of your help during the transition. She also thanked her family for love and support.

Giving to the community and education are very important to Emily. Emily shared that there is no time like the present to take action. Emily's goal for this year's membership is to add two new members for a total of 65. With high ethical and standard goals for fundraising and getting back to normal. Emily is increasing polio plus goals.

Emily's final remarks were to be kind and compassionate, you will make a difference.

President Emily wished happy birthday to all June 🎁 Rotarians, Bob McGraw, Joe LaMargo, Bill Wieringa and Dick Hewitt.

Happy June wedding anniversaries to Mike and Joanne Simon and Scott and Marsha McGraw.

Happy June member anniversaries to Shirley Johnson, Mary Hall, and Andrew Iasci.

Sergeant Paul Carlson collected happy bucks from:

Unknown
Bill K.
Shirley J.
Unknown
Chris B.
Unknown
Bonnie G.
Jen M.
Chad S.
Jose S.

Sergeant Paul Carlson received fines from:

The five fancy sock wearers.
And
Wendell P.
Bill K.
John C.
Mary H.
Randy O.
Paul C.
Joe Y.
Marlene O.

Sergeant Paul announced a pin check after the meeting.

President Emily thanked all visiting Rotarians and guests.

Portage Rotary clubs next meeting will be June 30, this will be a 501 meeting. Meeting place has not been finalized. An email will be sent to notify all members.

Meeting adjourned at 12:42 PM.

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