**Stafford Rotary Club Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, September 13, 2018**

In attendance: Trevor O’Toole, Linda Knecht, Michael Smith, Jack Poland, Leigh Ann Poland, Lori Hayes, Sandra Duckworth and Jake Almborg

The meeting was called to order by President Trevor O’Toole. Board Meeting Minutes from August were not available. Motion was made to email August minutes to board members; seconded, all in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Reciprocity Up-date—Working with Oberle

Discussion: For many years, the Stafford Rotary Club has given vocational scholarships to deserving Oberle students. In addition, the Club regularly is a sponsor of the annually-held golf tournament held to raise funds for the school. Several members of the staff were former members of the Stafford Rotary Club. In spite of periodic efforts to encourage renewed membership in the Stafford Rotary Club, efforts to date have failed and the leadership and former leadership of the Oberle School have chosen to join another club in Fredericksburg. Nonetheless, the Board decided that it will try and strengthen the Club’s relationship with the school, and will try to encourage the school’s Interact sponsor or another staff member to join our club. As a matter of record, Ginni Masten replaces Mary Rose as the Club’s interface with the school.

Constitution Must be Approved

The Constitution as proposed by Rotary International must be approved by the Stafford Rotary Club. Jack Poland moved that the Constitution be approved as it applies to the Stafford Rotary Club; seconded by Linda, all in favor. Approved.

Global Grant Water Project/Separate from School Global Grant

Michael Smith moved that the Club support the Global Grant Water Project in Africa by approving $1,095 to be partnered with Walter Hughes to build a school this year; seconded by Linda; all in favor. Approved.

Website Update

The Board was briefed on the progress being made to redesign and update the Club’s Website. Nelda Mohr and Sandra Duckworth have been working to up-date the new website provided by DACdb. Tyler Newton’s firm, along with support from Childress, have provided considerable expertise on website design. The Board decided to use Club points and make Tyler and a representative from Childress a Paul Harris Fellow.

Service Project Applications Working on Digitizing

Trevor urged members to continue documenting activities related to on-going Service Projects. It is his intent to have all of these Service Projects’ documentation resident on the Club’s website.

International Polio Day

International Polio Day is Wednesday, October 24th. In addition to the Club’s annual commitment of $2,500 to Rotary International’s “Stop Polio Now” Campaign, the Board decided to encourage members to individually contribute to Rotary International District 7610’s Campaign being organized by Felton Page. The idea is for the Club to form a posse, take pictures to highlight the effort, and contribute additional funds on this date.

Membership Survey

The results of the membership survey will be out by the end of September and presented to the Club at its Club Assembly on Wednesday, October 3rd.

Community Events

Stafford Rotary Club Members were encouraged to participate individually, and as a Club, and attend community-wide-held events in order to strengthen the Rotary brand, and make the community aware of Rotary’s involvement in the local community.

Need to Decide on Casino Night/Start the Planning Process

A decision needs to be made at the next Club Assembly on October 3rd on whether the Club will support another Casino Night in March. Right now, the Club is lacking a volunteer who will take on the responsibility of leading and chairing this event. Additional volunteers also are needed in four key areas of organization: 1) sponsorships; 2) venue selection and preparation; 3) tickets sales and publicity; and 4) catering and food selection.

Other Business

All members need to publicize and push ticket sales for the re-scheduled Capitol Steps Comedy Night on Saturday, December 8th at the UMW Dodd Auditorium.

**OLD BUSINESS**

See Rotary Club of Stafford—Committee Reports— distributed separately. It was discussed and recommended that if Committee Chairs are unable to furnish monthly area of service reports to the Secretary by close of business on the day preceding the monthly Board Meeting, that the Committee Chair be prepared to attend the Board Meeting and brief the Board in person on their area of service.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made and passed.

Next Regular Board Meeting

The next Regular Board Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 11th at 08:00 am at Davenport.

**Rescheduled for Wednesday, October 10th following the regular meeting being held at the Bonefish Grill on October 8.**