**Stafford Rotary Club Board Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 14, 2018**

In attendance : Michael Smith, Joy McIntire, Linda Knecht, Trevor O’Toole, Jake Almborg, Matt Fleming, Leigh Ann Poland

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Smith and the Board approved the February 21, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Club Meeting venue and lunches

The Riverside lunch pricing is being reviewed for a potential increase (currently $18 each).

S.E.R.V.E.

Mike Elliott, the new S.E.R.V.E Director has issued a letter to all local sponsors for a donation. For the 2016-2017 year we provided $899 -- $139 came from individual contributions, $300 from corporate contributions, and the remaining $460 came out of the Community Service budget. Stafford Rotary will be supporting S.E.R.V.E. via Stuff the Truck events that Lori Hayes is planning and we will collect cash in addition to food. A donation value was not confirmed as of yet. There is no line item in the Community Service budget for S.E.R.V.E.

Related note : Lori Hayes, Community Service Chair, has a plan for meeting the 50,000 Meals Project goal by the end of Trevor’s year.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on the 3rd Wed, April 18, instead of the usual 2nd Wed.

Storage Locker

The rates are increasing and before we determine the size (and charges) going forward, we need to clean out our unit and dispose of the items no longer needed by the club. The storage locker has been contracted and paid for through June 2018 @ $50/month. The new price for the same size will be $80. Michael will ask for volunteers to review the contents and dispose of what is not needed. The current locker is located at White Oak Road, across from the Giant grocery store. Jake Almborg and Lori Hayes have keys. There may be one other key in our club. Going forward, the three storage locker key holders will be the Club President, Jake Almborg, and the Community Service Chair.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Permatreat Membership

Currently the Permatreat corporate Stafford Rotary Club members are Troy Wolfrey and Chris Barker. Permatreat employee, Ishann Sigh Bansal, is a former Rotary President in India and has made application to join the club. He was approved by the Board. Michael will send an email to our club for formal approval.

Chris Barker will leave the club.

Non-Returning Members

Alex Nelson has taken another job which will preclude his continued membership in our club. Bert De Vore has moved to Florida.

Per her request, Kathryn Kammer will remain on our roles for now. Although she has moved to the Wilmington, NC area, she will continue doing business here in Fredericksburg.

New Member Fee Change

This should be noted in the next newsletter based on previous Board Decisions.

EREY

We need to publicize to the club the EREY contribution to the Rotary Foundation and let the club determine if we will continue with this status. EREY (the Every Rotarian Every Year campaign) requires a minimum of $100 by each member/each year. We will use the next Club Assembly to remind people of the campaign and then we need to vote as a club to continue or not continue as an EREY Club. The funds from EREY are available to the clubs via grants and other vehicles to support service and other projects.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Youth Services –** Joy McIntyre, Matt Fleming

There were no entries for the speech contest and similarly none for the essay contest. Joy will discuss with Cherice Taylor the possible need to increase the award amount to encourage participation. Currently the award is $175 for each. She will also talk with Cherice about working with the local principals to push the opportunity. Joy will also talk with Speech and Debate clubs about these contests. The Speech and Essay Contests are open to all high schools in Stafford and Spotsylvania, whereas the academic/vocational scholarships are only open to Stafford Rotary sponsored Interact Club high schools.

**International Service** – Jake Almborg

No funds have been provided this Rotary year for water charities with the Rappahannock Rotary Club.

A motion to adjourn was made and passed.

Meeting Minutes are provided by Leigh Ann Poland