SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKE FOREST PARK BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Board Meeting Minutes:

In attendance were:

JP Mahar, Robin Roat, Linda Holman, Kim Anderson, Ed Belcher, Ed Sterner, Laura Brewer, Heidi Shepherd, Alan Merry, Judy Altman, Karen Edwardsen, Scott Wands and Larry French

Secretary’s Report – Larry

* The minutes of the August Club Board meeting were reviewed.
  + Motion to approve – Heidi, Second – Linda

Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report – Ed B.

* The Club budget had been shared and comments were made by Ed B.
* If members wish to give “Happy Bucks”, they can be added to their quarterly dues.

Membership – Robin and All

* Silje Sodal’s induction will occur during our October 7th Club meeting
* Months of effort have gone into getting three of our new members their RI Member ID numbers, but with other commitments, these three have not become Active members at this time. In lieu of “Terminating them 14 days after their ID #’s were assigned, an alternative action proposed by Ed B. and Larry was considered.
  + Motion – by Robin, Second - Linda
  + To make Lisa Lasconia, Theresa LaCroix and Dash Debadutta “Honorary” members through the earlier of the end of 2021 or when they are able to go through the membership process and become active members. (FYI: Honorary status will expire at end of 2021 unless the Board votes to extend it.)

Motion passed unanimously.

* David Halbrook has requested to have his membership status moved from “Active Associate” to “Active”.
  + Motion – by Heidi, Second – Linda

Motion passed unanimously.

* Discussion on Ben Clough regarding changing his membership status from “Active Associate” to “Active”. Heidi to draft a letter offering him this option. Board will review, then JP will sign and Robin deliver.
* Heidi shared a draft 9 point Membership policy that is similar to what David Halbrook, Kim and Larry drafted last year. Comments were made. Karen suggested a 10th point which Heidi will incorporate into the document and share with the Board. A vote to approve the final document by the Club Board will be done by email.
* A reminder was shared that the quality of our members is more critical than the quantity that we recruit. A process is followed, and the Board is involved.

Auction Update - Laura

* An event planning company, Kind and Company, has been hired. They are doing the Shoreline Rotary auction on October 10th. Laura will monitor.
* We need to prominently recognize our sponsors on the Club website, Facebook and other social media outlets that we use.
* Our success depends on “Peer to Peer” involvement.
* Laura sees her job as organizing the event, the Board and the members are responsible for it’s success and to spread the word.

Community Services – Linda and Judy

* Linda, Judy, Heidi and Silje have been working on food insufficiency of our community. More to follow as their discussion and networking continues.

Educational/Vocational – Karen

* Letters will be going out to the parents of our scholarship recipients to invite the to our Club meetings and events.

International Services - Ed S. and Larry

* Our Club made a donation to the Edmonds Daybreaker Club with help from Heidi
* Our PeaceTrees Vietnam Global Grant received input from RI and some tweeks to the grant wording will be made. $10,500 has been committed by other Rotary clubs and we are networking to get a few thousand more.

Youth Services – Heidi

* Lacey George is the president of Shorecrest’s Interact Club. Robin and Heidi have both been in contact with her. The online classes format has made it difficult for school clubs and organizations to get rolling with their projects.
* The application for a Youth Care Grant went in last Tuesday at 10:50pm. The 20K would be used in part to buy reloadable cell phones, laptops, bus tickets, gas cards, and gift cards for homeless youth.
* Progress is being made in securing a 1200 square foot space near Chase Bank at the Lake Forest Park Mall. Cost will be $500/month. More details soon.

Old Business - None

New Business

* 5th Wednesday Happy Hour – Larry
  + Chef Eldon will offer an “Appetizer Box” for pick up. Menu was shared.
  + Event will be a Zoom party hosted by Larry. Link will be in an invitation email.
  + Robin can host members at her home if desired. Make reservations.
  + Happy Hour will be 5:30 – 6:30pm
  + Invite friends and potential members
  + Entertainment will be provided
* Foundation CPA – JP
  + Ed Pearson is in discussion with George Jonson to continue as our Club tax consultant . More to follow.
* District Updates – JP
  + He has been involved with the District’s President’s roundtable where information is shared about other Club’s events.
  + The Public Image project is underway with great Rotary advertisements on buses.
  + Ambassador Alan shared details of some of these events with Auburn, Edmonds, Shoreline and Bellevue Breakfast clubs.
* Future Topics – Alan
  + Our Club’s support of the District’s “Racial Statement” was a concern. It was added to the Club website with only the Board’s awareness. Should all members have been canvassed? Ed B. will remove it from our website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm Motion – Linda, Second - Heidi

Next meeting = TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 5:00PM