

Albina Rotary Club Zoom Meeting

February 10, 2021

Members Present: Alfredo Alvarado, Becky Black, Mark Cooksey, Margie Davidson, Yasuko Fields, Jennifer Harbick, Don Jones, Byron Kellar, Frances Moore, Lisa Pickert, Bob Rosenkranz

Non-members Present: Andy Roberts, Susan Cooksey

Program: Susan Cooksey – Soeur Cambodia Clean Water/Water Sanitation Global Grant Project

Susan and Mark were able to travel to Cambodia and met with Rotary Club of Battambang. Through the Club's direction, Susan came back with the idea to procure a Rotary global grant to provide clean water. After much work, the grant was finally awarded for \$101,835. The project was to create a solar powered 4 hole well in Soeur, Cambodia. Soeur is in the NW corner of the country, close to Thailand. Nearby the project is a new school that the well will service. The school was built by the Golden Leaf Education Foundation (GLEF). The foundation works in memory of the victims of the Kmer Rouge.

Business:

- Lisa recognized Alfred as the newest member of our club and let him know that we have a formal induction we will do at next week's meeting.

- A date for the virtual presentation of the NK Scholarship winners has yet to be determined. Byron reiterated that we will get help with its creation from the marketing staff at NK. Byron shared that Tobias Reed, who was originally secured to give the keynote at the NK Scholarship luncheon last year, has agreed to give his talk via this virtual program this year. Byron confirmed that fundraising for the scholarship will be done through a letter to our supporters after the winners are selected. This is how we did it this last year and it was notably successful.

- Byron clarified that fund-raising to support our other service projects has yet to be finalized. The idea of holding a raffle was again floated. The group liked the idea. Margie to ask Tom Jenkins if he is still willing to let us raffle off time at his house in Sunriver. Lisa added that NKC is willing to offer the NK house in Parkdale as part of the raffle.

- Frances led the discussion on the question of corporate member fee structure. It was agreed by the group that Corporate members would start paying regular dues the 1st year. Only individual memberships would have the 3 year, graduated fee structure.

- Lisa shared that she has been thinking about new service project ideas and has two that we could start on now. The first was picking up trash in our service area. She has been in contact with SOLV – the statewide non-profit that focuses on trash clean up. We can partner with them on projects. The group was in favor of participating. Margie mentioned that we already have some visibility vests that were bought years ago for another project and never used. Lisa would like to get them printed with Albina Rotary Club on them so as to promote our work. Byron to ask Carol Lungren if she would be able to print them. Lisa to move forward with Solv to plan an event for April.

The second project idea that Lisa talked about was participating in a request for volunteers from Anderson Construction for the rebuilding of the Allen Temple CME Church on 4236 NE 8th Ave. in Portland. The group was in favor of participating. Lisa to gather more information.

- Margie moved and Frances seconded a motion to approve the minutes for January 20, 27 and February 3 minutes. All voted in favor.

The meeting closed at 12:59 PM. Our next meeting will be at noon on February 17.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Pickert, 2020/21 Secretary