

Albina Rotary Club Zoom Meeting

June 16, 2021

Members Present: Margie Davidson, Yasuko Fields, Don Jones, Frances Moore, Lisa Pickert, Bob Rosenkranz

Guests: Pat Daniels and Barbara Schulz

Program: Pat and Barbara shared information about Constructing Hope. Constructing Hope is a pre-apprentice program to help formerly incarcerated individuals to get into the Trades. The program was originally started in 1995 by the Irvington Covenant Church as a "Ready to Work" Program. In 2009, the Church gave the program over to Pat. In 2010 it was renamed as Constructing Hope and the focus transformed to the pre-apprentice and hands-on training program it is today. Classes started with 12 students per quarter and they are now serving 25 individuals per quarter. In addition to the quarterly pre-apprentice program, the organization also provides a summer program for youth 15 – 19 years. Individuals who are accepted into the program make a 3 year commitment to Constructing Hope as the goal is not only to get them through the Pre-Apprentice program but into apprentice programs and jobs. Constructing Hope now has on staff 2 Job Developers and 2 Case Managers, who work with each student to: assess their individual interests and then teaching/helping the student to navigate their preferred path in the Trades which includes researching and writing a paper on their preferred path. Constructing Hope recently received a Clean Energy Grant which is going to enable them to offer a post pre-apprentice program in energy efficient "green" building.

Dave Dahl, of Dave's Killer Bread, is a big supporter of Constructing Hope, given his own personal experience with incarceration and turning his life around. Dave's latest contribution to Constructing Hope was to offer matching dollars on every donation made up through today. Lisa to email out the link to the video about Dave's support as well as a link to where one can make a donation to Constructing Hope.

Business:

- NK Scholarship: Lisa gave update as Byron was unable to attend the meeting. Byron received the last rating sheet today. He will compile the results and schedule interviews. He will be in contact with all the readers to see who is able and interested in helping with the interviews.

- Margie and Lisa went to Point West Credit Union last Thursday to add Lisa as second signator. The bank doesn't take appointments and after waiting for 75 minutes, they finally gave up. Customer Service just doesn't feel like a priority for this organization. Further, Margie has had similar questionable customer service from them in the past. As a result, Margie proposed to move the Club accounts to Beneficial Bank since all our other accounts (Foundation) are at Beneficial.

Don moved and Frances seconded that we move our Club accounts to Beneficial Bank and that the signers will be Margaret Davidson and Lisa Pickert. All approved.

Frances suggested writing a letter to Point West Credit Union about our reasons for leaving.

- June 9 Minutes – Frances moved/Don seconded the minutes as written. All approved.

The meeting closed at 12:55 PM. Our next meeting will be at noon on June 23.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Pickert, 2020/21 Secretary