

Members Present: Alfredo Alvaredo, Becky Black, Margie Davidson, Josh Fields, Yasuko Fields, Jennifer Harbick, Don Jones, Frances Moore, Lisa Pickert

Guests: Jennie Clark (WECO) Andy Roberts (Wyondham, UK), Craig Vaughn (speaker), Katie Webber

President Lisa opened the meeting at 5:01 P.M. with a thought from this year's RI President: Service is the rent I pay for my occupation.

PROGRAM

- Craig Vaughn told us about Albina Head Start, a major partner in our Holiday Basket program, and its services. It was founded in 1965 and has been run as a single-purpose non-profit agency since 1993. It runs 35 pre-school centers in N and NE Portland, including 5 in high schools, and also does some home visits. In addition to its structured educational activities, it checks on children's health and provides them with free breakfasts, lunches and snacks. Classes average 20 children with 3 teachers. (Parents also served as volunteer assistants until COVID-19 interfered with this.) Head Start has many partnerships with community organizations and a program to train students' parents to become Head Start teachers. Learn more about it at www.albinahs.org/about-us.

MINUTES: The revised minutes of the 27 October meeting (Don/Lisa) were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Don reminded us about the Thanksgiving basket packing on **Friday** November 12th-- just over a week from now! Come between 8 and 9 A.M. Volunteers include Cyra, Margie, Frances, Don, Yasuko, Josh, Alfredo, Lisa, Erica, Frances, and possibly Becky. We also have 4 volunteer deliverers!
- Our on-line raffle date won't be set until we overcome some problems in setting up our on-line payment system. Margie mentioned that the prize—a short vacation at a Sun River condo—has always included \$500 to pay for expenses such as travel and dinners. Frances will ask the Foundation members to modify the Foundation budget to provide this amount as part of the prize.
- We agreed to have Lisa deposit \$600 to reserve the Village Ballroom for Friday, March 4th for our Springo fundraiser. She asked Don to save a donated package from Chinook Winds Casino as a prize for that event.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lisa wants to establish a timeline for the Neil Kelly Scholarships. She was advised to learn more about the scholarship process before setting specific dates—and to involve one or two other club members so there will be several people who become familiar with its complexities. She also suggested a different presentation process, possibly in a high school facility. Margie said this was an excellent idea: banquets at Moda Center now cost about \$100 per attendee, and it is time to update and simplify our process. The main benefit of the banquet was that many people made their contributions there.
- The Alan Temple Church, which was damaged by a fire, is now ready to repair its landscaping. They would love to have volunteers helping. If you are interested, show

up at 4236 NE 8th Avenue on Saturday, November 13th at 9:00 A.M. They should be done by noon.

MEMBER REPORTS

- Becky said that her new non-profit has a school building now! It is located at NE 2nd Avenue just off Broadway. She needs office furniture, so let her know if you have any suitable spare items you can donate.

Don closed the meeting at 5:55 P.M. with the 4-Way Test.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Moore, Secretary

Upcoming events:

- **12 November: 8:00 to 9:00 A.M. Pack Holiday baskets** at the Wood Village Fred Meyer store--and dress warmly; it's like outdoors. --See you there!
- 13 November: Landscaping at Alan Temple Church, 4236 NE 8th Avenue on Saturday (optional opportunity)
- **17 November: 5:00 P.M. Our next Teams meeting.**