

Members Present: Becky Black, Margie Davidson, Jennifer Harbick, Byron Kellar, Erica Popick-Kevekrian, Frances Moore, Lisa Pickert, Cyra Sadowl

Guests: Christine Peak (West Seattle Rotary), Jennie WECO

President Lisa opened the meeting at 5:08 P.M. by introducing our visitors and showing an inspirational video on not giving up when you encounter setbacks in reaching your goal.

MINUTES: The minutes of 18 November were approved as written. (Margie/Lisa)

PROGRAM

- We viewed a TEDx video by Rebecca Bellingham, an instructor at Columbia University Teachers College on the importance of reading aloud to young children. It helps very young children to connect books with stories and elementary students to overcome some of their difficulties in translating the code of letters into real meanings and feelings. After viewing the video, Becky added that her work with teenagers shows it can help them also.
- We discussed whether our club members were interested in participating in a reading to young people program. Lisa mentioned SMART (Start Making a Reader Today), <https://smartreading.org/what-we-do/program-overview/> and Jenny will check if there are ways to participate during COVID restrictions. Lisa suggested Reach Out and Read (ROAR?), which has a list of children's books from which people can select to send to doctors' waiting rooms. There seemed to be some interest in a reading project, and we will return to this subject later.

OLD BUSINESS

- Josh has our connection to Square working properly now, but other problems have stalled our progress on getting our fundraising Raffle project ready.
- Please send your photos for our Get on The Bus!

NEW BUSINESS

- Our next SOLVE trash pick-up will be on Saturday, 22 January 2022 at 8:30 A.M. Let's hope the weather will be favorable. Otherwise, dress warmly & dryly.
- The Rotary Club of San Dimas has a See's Candy gift fundraiser this week. If you want to send some as Christmas gifts, contact www.supportrotarians.com soon.

MEMBER REPORTS

- Byron said that the Neil Kelly Scholarship Fund received a \$100,000 donation this week! The donor would like it to be used for increasing the student donation to \$4,000/year. He wants the Foundation to meet before January to discuss whether we can afford such a raise as early as 2022.

The meeting closed at 6:00 P.M. with the 4-Way Test.

Our next Teams meeting will be at 5:00 P.M. on 15 December.

Respectfully submitted, *Frances Moore, Secretary*