

Members Present: Alfredo Alvarado, Becky Black, Jenny Clark, Margie Davidson, Yasuko Fields, Jennifer Harbick, Erica Popick-Kevrekian, Craig Lewelling, Frances Moore, Lisa Pickert, Cyra Sadowl, Katie Weber

Guests: Renee Sontenot, Assistant District Governor

President Lisa opened the meeting at 5:04 P.M. with the new Rotary International diversity, inclusion and equity (DEI) statement. She suggested an addition: adding accessibility-- (IDEA).

MINUTES: The minutes of the 15 December meeting were accepted (Lisa/Margie) as written.

OLD BUSINESS

- Lisa moved and Frances seconded a motion to accept and welcome **two new members of the club: Jenny Clark and Katie Weber**. The motion passed unanimously with other members cheering and clapping!
- Unfortunately, progress on our raffle (which has traditionally raised money for our Foundation) is still stalled by problems of converting sales to an electronic format. If we can't solve this, maybe we could combine it with our Springo fundraiser. Renee suggested that we check at the District 5100 office to see if we can get advice from another club that has had a successful on-line sale activity.
- We discussed if we should include \$500 for expense money as part of the raffle prize and concluded that we should. At the last Foundation meeting, Byron explained that this has come out of the money raised from ticket sales—a fact that wasn't brought up in our discussion—so no existing Foundation money will need to be transferred for it.
- Lisa asked for volunteers to form a Springo fundraiser committee. **Sign up if you are interested in helping shape this fun event: the more, the merrier!** The organizing meeting will be on Teams, Wednesday, January 12th at 5:00 P.M. **Just call or e-mail Lisa, so she can get your name on the invitation.** The first meeting will focus on advertising the event to maximize participants.

NEW BUSINESS

- Part of our advertising is letting people know what we are doing for our community. This includes potential local recipients. Lisa suggested supporting Don't Shoot PDX's proposal to purchase the former Albina Arts Center and revitalize it. Becky cautioned that this could have negative consequences for the club because the role of the police is a hot political issue right now. To learn more, check their website: dontshootpdx.org.
- Lisa also suggested using part of the money for Polio Plus while the Gates Foundation is still donating \$2 for every \$1 raised by Rotary.
- It's time for us to select our Rotary year 2022/2023 officers. Our President-Elect is Jennifer Harbick, and Lisa will become a Foundation member (traditionally, but not necessarily, President). Think about how you would like help, and learn about our club by volunteering. Open positions are:
 - Club Treasurer-Elect (Margie will help bring you up to speed!)
 - Club Secretary-Elect (Frances has a good guide to the job)
 - Foundation Treasurer-Elect (Mark is weary after many years)

- Foundation Secretary-Elect (Only a few meetings a year! Hopefully lots of thank-you letters.)
- Foundation Board member-at-large (need at least 2; up to 4 possible)

MEMBER REPORTS

- Margie said that the Neil Kelly Fund raised \$119,000 dollars in this Rotary year, including a gift of \$100,000! Craig added that its investment rate during the year was 13%, but he plans to switch about 10% of it to more conservative investments shortly. He feels the income should be able to support four scholarships with \$4,000 per year (a total of \$64,000 per year eventually).

The meeting closed at 6:01 P.M. with Margie saying the 4-Way Test.

Our next Teams meeting will be at **5:00 P.M. on 19 January.**

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Moore, Secretary

Upcoming events:

- Saturday, January 22nd at 8:30 A.M. SOLVE trash pick-up at Neil Kelly parking lot
- Friday, March 4th at 6:00 P.M. (right time?) **Springo Fundraiser** in the Village Ball Room, 704 NE Dekum Street