

**Members Present:** Becky Black, Jenny Clark, Mark Cooksey, Margie Davidson, Yasuko Fields, Jennifer Harbick, Don Jones, Byron Kellar, Frances Moore, Lisa Pickert, Erica Popick-Kevrekian

**Guests:** Dana Clark, Amy Easton, Tony Leineweber, Jerry Mason, Dennis J Wickham

President Lisa opened the meeting at 5:01 P.M. with an inspirational photo of young people marching with a *Don't Shoot Portland* poster on Martin Luther King Day—to remind us of the values that he lived and died for.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the 19 January meeting were approved as written. (Don, Margie)

### PROGRAM

- A group of representatives from other Portland Rotary clubs told us about local Rotary programs and activities that we might join or emulate:
  - Dana Clark from the East Portland Club (head of the current Portland Rotary anti-sex trafficking program) has been asked to encourage local Rotary clubs to develop programs to support RI's recently adopted new major initiative: Empowering Girls. She gave some examples and will help local clubs who have, or wish to have, projects related to this goal by adding their names to a spreadsheet they can use to get in touch with each other. Let her know if we have or are interested in having a related project. Jenny Clark said she has contacts with similar activities and could get in touch with Dana.
  - Amy Easton and Dennis Wickham told us about a little-known RI program: New Generation Service Exchange: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/new-generations-service-exchange> It is for young adults (21-30 years in the US) to be a non-paid intern at a business (preferably in their profession) or participate in a service project for a few weeks (up to 6 months) in another country. RI doesn't provide financial support; participants pay for their travel & personal expenses, and hosts volunteer lodging and meals. District 5100 has hosted and sent a few young people under this program. Its fourth incoming participant, Corelle \_\_\_\_\_ will be in Portland from about 9 April to 15 July. She is from France and has a BA in the arts and will be working at 47<sup>th</sup> Ave & Albina Ave. If you are interested in hosting Corelle for part of her time here, call Dennis Wickham at 360-606-2109.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Lisa said we had 30 participants at our trash pickups last weekend and collected about 400 pounds of trash! Becky asked about a safe they found, as someone had stolen one from her non-profit.
- Lisa announced her decision to cancel the Springo (bingo) fundraiser we were planning for March 4; COVID regulations and rates continue jeopardize our ability to host a successful, well-attended fund-raising event. In addition, the Village Ballroom can't handle food-to-order events at this time. The fixed expenses of simply hosting the event would be over \$2,000—a considerable cost to cover with an uncertain attendance and a low likelihood of significant profit. Alternate fund-raising suggestions were:
  - Just send a request to previous donors
  - Have a raffle with \$100 tickets (up to our limit of \$9,999) and select a winner at random;

- Have an entertainment on-line with a silent auction of items viewed on-line in advance.
- Lisa reminded us that we need to select our officers for next year. Only our President-Elect (Jennifer Harbick) is chosen. We need volunteers for the remaining open positions:
  - Club Secretary
  - Club Treasurer
  - Foundation Secretary
  - Foundation Treasurer
  - Foundation Member-at-Large (two-year term. Frances will try to figure out which current members are in their first & second year of their two-year term.)
- Lisa reminded us to check out *Don't Shoot Portland's* proposal to restore the Albina Art Center. See their video at <https://www.dontshootpdx.org/campaign-for-awlf-building/>

### **MEMBER REPORTS**

- Byron has finished the 2022 Neil Kelly Scholarship application form, which he will send to school counsellors tomorrow. Filled applications must be received by 2 May. Lisa announced that Shioban Feeny (a member of the Neil Kelly extended family) has volunteered to take on Margie's job of keeping in touch with active scholarship recipients and paying their current post-secondary tuition installments. Margie will mentor Shioban in this role while continuing her administrative responsibilities for all the NK scholarship recipients currently in school.
- Margie praised the Kiwanis Camp that our club has supported for many years, and encouraged us to support it individually by participating in their fundraiser, *Night on the Red Carpet*, this coming April.

The meeting closed at 5:59 P.M. with Byron saying the 4-Way Test.

Our next Zoom meeting will be at 5:00 P.M. on 16 February.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frances Moore, Secretary