

Members Present: Alfredo Alvarado, Jenny Clark, Margie Davidson, Yasuko Fields, Jennifer Harbick, Don Jones, Byron Kellar, Frances Moore, Lisa Pickert, Erica Popick-Kevrekian

Guests: Randall Wyatt, Khari Applewhite

President Lisa opened our first hybrid meeting at 5:05 with a reminder that one of the six Rotary areas of focus is water and sanitation. We met Khari Applewhite, a prospective transfer member from the Dallas & Florence Rotary clubs, and introduced ourselves.

MINUTES: The minutes of our 16 March meeting were approved as written. (Byron, Don)

PROGRAM

- Randall Wyatt is the founder of Taking Ownership PDX, an organization that makes free home repairs and related activities for low-income Black homeowners who still live in the parts of NE and N Portland that once were the city's Black neighborhood. Mr. Wyatt gained their trust through his hip-hop and youth mentoring activities in the area. He received funds for his first fix-up from people who wanted to make up for the inequities of the past, and (thanks to his enthusiasm and innovative ways of overcoming barriers) his organization expanded rapidly. It has helped over 70 households and has 150 homes on a wait list! He has learned how to deal with city regulations, made the organization an LLC and is in the process of converting it to 501(c)3 status. Professional builders now do the repair; he hopes to get apprentices involved also. If we wish to volunteer, we can sign up on their website, takingownershippdx.com. They can use help with clean-up, landscaping, fundraising, grant-writing, etc. --Monetary donations are also always welcome

OLD BUSINESS

- Fewer people came to our last clean-up, but we collected 25 bags of trash. We need to select the date for our next clean-up.
- We need to select officers for next year!! Erin has volunteered to be Club Secretary after she returns from Belgium in August. Frances asked to be Foundation Secretary. We still need to fill several slots. Who will pick up our mail weekly next year?

NEW BUSINESS

- The last day in April will be the Rotary Day of Service. Do we have a project in mind for this?
- Lisa would like for us to get a speaker to tell us about RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), a 3 to 10-day intense training program for people 14 to 30. Clubs can nominate and pay for a candidate. Our club did this in the past, when it was larger.
- We decided not to participate in Good in the Hood next year or to take bottled water to Warm Springs, which has had a fire in its water purification plant.
- Next week we should discuss club arrangements for the District One Assembly on 19-22 May. Make sure that someone covers all essential training sessions. Who will attend? What days? Should we car-pool? Where will we stay? --Lisa suggested a theme for our raffle basket: "Travel in Oregon" What could we put into it?

MEMBER REPORTS

- Frances reported that the Oregon Community Foundation is starting a community-led process that will end with the Albina Art Center becoming a Black-run 501(C)3 cultural center. Teresa Raiford, who spoke to us in February, is likely to become a member of the organizing committee.
- Margie said that our fundraiser produced \$4,551 for our Foundation. Winners of the raffle will be selected on 1 April.
- Don put the Rotary sign he took at our last meeting in front of his house and got several responses to it, including someone who was interested in learning more about Rotary. He would like some of our pamphlets to hand out to people. –Where are they?
- Margie received our first Neil Kelly Scholarship application! They are due on 2 May.

The meeting closed at with the 4-Way Test.

Our next Hybrid meeting will be at 5:00 P.M. on 13 April.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Moore, Secretary

Upcoming events:

- 1 April --Raffle drawing
- 30 April --Rotary Day of Service; Habitat for Humanity
- 19-22 May --District Assembly/Training at Seaside Convention Center, 415 1st Ave. Seaside, OR. Register on DACdb. No charge to sign up, but meals require payment. (Also hotel rooms.)
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