**Albina Rotary Club Hybrid Meeting 30 November, 2022**

**Members Present:** Mark Cooksey, Margie Davidson, Yasuko Fields, Jennifer Harbick, Donald Jones, Byron Kellar, Frances Moore, Lisa Pickert, Robert Rosenkranz,

**Guests**: Steve Williams (District Governor & member of the Hermiston Rotary Club), Janet Williams, Renée Fontenot (Assistant Governor), Marshall Runkel

Lisa opened our meeting at 5:07 PM with our club mission statement and a reminder that past Rotary President Holger Knaak encouraged Rotary clubs to become more inclusive—a goal that reminds us, in particular, to live up to that statement.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of our 9 November meeting were approved unanimously. (Don/Lisa)

**PROGRAM**

Governor Williams spoke about the relevance of Jennifer Jones’ (RI president-elect) 2023-2024 theme: “Imagine Rotary”. She is looking towards the future. Times—and people—are changing, and Rotary, which has shrinking membership, may need to change also. District 5100 membership, for example, has shrunk by 25% and clubs from 74 to 66.

Rotary International has being looking at possible organizational changes that might make it more attractive to young people. One experiment is “regionalization”; Australia and Great Britain/Ireland are experimentally re-organizing as sub-units to see if closer-to-home organizational structure makes Rotary more attractive and relevant.

In addition, RI has less money to help local club projects. Our District grants and the grants clubs get for international projects are actually funded by club and member donations to RI, invested and returned three years later. RI used to fund international grant proposals 100%; now it can only fund them 80%. Our club used to send RI about $100 per member each year. This amount is probably lower now because much of it came from one former member.

Frances commented that this is partly because many of our new members aren’t aware of the Paul Harris awards, the Polio Plus program, or our part in the larger structure of Rotary. If there are Rotary videos explaining these things, they would make excellent club programs.

We then discussed ways of attracting and retaining younger members. Young people prefer more direct action and less programs and meetings. One approach to attracting them is to create a satellite club that meets at different times/places and develops its own activities but relies on the main club’s administrative services has worked elsewhere (including Hermiston). Other ideas are to ask younger members (and people who look at your website) what projects they’d like to start and what needs they see. Ask them to participate in your projects without pressure to join the club.

Governor Williams ended his part of the evening by presenting a well-deserved “Worker Bee” award to Lisa, as the most active and effective developer of our club growth & activities.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Bob Ringling, our retiring CPA, suggested that the club use Quickbooks to streamline our 7 accounts so our information will be organized for his successor. Quickbooks charges $30 a month for its service. Byron (with some assistance) moved that Albina Rotary try using Quickbooks until the end of this Rotary fiscal year (30 June 2023), then decide whether to continue using it, with the expense to be split 50-50 between the club and the Foundation. Lisa seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Mark Cooksey, our Foundation Treasurer will be travelling for the next month. In order to have Foundation checks duo-signed in his absence, we need to appoint an additional signer. Lisa moved and Don seconded a motion authorizing Lisa Pickert as a signer on the Albina Rotary Club Foundation checking accounts. This motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting closed at 6:17 PM with our members saying the 4-Way Test.

**Our next Hybrid meeting will be at 5:00 PM on 14 December at 804 N Alberta Street.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Moore, Secretary

**Upcoming events:**

* 4 January --**First NOON meeting** at Neil Kelly, 804 N Alberta Street. Let’s try it out!
* 14 Jan: --8:00 AM, SOLVE pickup; meet at Neil Kelly parking lot