**Albina Rotary Club Hybrid Meeting 18 January, 2023**

**Members Present:** Margie Davidson, Yasuko Fields, Donald Jones, Jeremy Miller, Frances Moore, Lisa Pickert, Robert Rosenkranz

Prior to the meeting, Lisa showed us a speech by Gordon R. McInally of Scotland, our next RI president, about his goals for Rotary in 2023-2024. It showed us the breadth of RI activities and encouraged us to think about what our club might do in the coming year. She then opened our regular meeting at 12:08.

**MINUTES:** The revised minutes of 4 January were approved unanimously. (Don/Margie)

**PROGRAM**

 As *HOPE* was an emphasis of Mr. McInally’s speech, Lisa asked us to share what we hoped to see our club doing in the coming years. Our answers included:

* More hands-on activities
* Increase club Black membership towards our original 50-50 proportions
* Make Rotary connections when travelling abroad
* Become more involved personally & find new project opportunities
* Ask others for suggestions as a way to get new ideas for activities
* Encourage more active participation from members
* Develop interfaith interaction/activities

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Frances gave a brief summary of the Rotary-hosted sex-trafficking awareness training for hotel/motel representatives that she had attended. She went in order to learn more about this problem that East Portland Rotarians are attempting to ameliorate.
* Lisa hasn’t heard from Byron about the status of this year’s Neil Kelly scholarship program but expects to have the on-line application process by the end of the month. Our club members will still choose the four finalists, but the information processing will be done by Kaleidoscope.
* We need to have a Foundation meeting to assign budget applications to individuals.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Club members who wish to participate in SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) can sign up to read with students at <https://smartreading.org/volunteer/> . They can read one-on-one with a student, in a class or at their HQ. Training is provided. Check it out!
* Lisa wants us to **review our current club mission statement** (see below) to see if we think it should be updated. What do you think our mission statement should be? Come to our next meeting with your ideas.
* The next District 5100 Conference will be in Kennewick, WA, May 18-21. It will include speakers, awards, highlighted club projects, educational breakout sessions on how to do club jobs, and fun fellowship opportunities. Check it out on the district website, <https://isrotaryforyou.com/> .
* Volunteer to be a 2023-2024 officer! We will choose them at our next meeting. Positions are:
	+ President-Elect (for 2024-2025 Rotary year))
	+ Secretary
	+ Treasurer
	+ Foundation Treasurer
	+ Foundation Secretary (Frances Moore has volunteered)
	+ Foundation At-Large member (2-year term) –need 2
* Jenn has found an on-line food ordering company that we can use to get lunches delivered to our meetings. She will send us information about it soon.

**MEMBER REPORTS**

* Margie received a letter from Kenya Keys saying that they would like a letter from our club to the student we are supporting this year. christy@kenyakeys.org would like it by 24 January so they can take it with them on their trip to Kenya.

The meeting closed at 12:54 PM with the 4-Way Test.

**Our next Hybrid meeting will be at 12 Noon on 1 February at the Neil Kelly office.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Moore, Secretary

**Upcoming events:**

* 18-21 May District 5100 Conference at Kennewick, WA. More details later.

**ALBINA ROTARY CLUB MISSION STATEMENT (2005)**

The Mission of the Rotary Club of Albina is to be a catalyst for change in the neighborhoods of North and Northeast Portland.

The clubs strength is a diverse interracial membership of men and women committed to the future of the Albina community, its organizations, its educational institutions, and above all, its youth.

Lastly, Albina Rotarians believe that a healthy future for our community depends on giving our citizens leadership, opportunity, and excellence in all we do.