**Albina Rotary Club Hybrid Meeting 1 March, 2023**

**Members Present:** Mark Cooksey, Margie Davidson, Donald Jones, Byron Kellar, Jeremy Miller, Frances Moore, Lisa Pickert, Kathryn Weber

**Guests**: Amber Ontiveros, Stacy Boatright, Nancy Hiser, Andy Roberts (from Kings Lynn Prior Rotary, UK)

Lisa, subbing for President Jenn, opened our meeting at 12:06 PM after conquering assorted computer challenges, and introduced our program presenters, Stacy Boatright and Nancy Hiser from the Saint Johns chapter of SURJ.

**MINUTES:** The 15 February minutes were adopted unanimously. (Mark, Don)

**PROGRAM**

Stacy and Nancy took turns describing SURJ (Showing up for Racial Justice), a national organization of white people working for racial economic justice. It has 9 chapters in Oregon and 10 in Washington.

The Saint Johns chapter formed in June 2020, shortly after George Floyd’s death, and gained awareness by sharing and discussing what they learned about the history and nature of racial injustice. After learning (and some unlearning), they have made new connections with non-white people and are moving into activities. They have partnered with the Portland Indigenous Marketplace (active twice a year), donated to BIPOC organizations, and are beginning to get involved in legislative activities.

Their chapter meets on the second Monday of each month, in-person or on-line. Though the turnout at these meetings is often small (8-12 people), they have about 125 list-serve members. Much of their work on specific projects occurs in smaller “accountability sessions” between the monthly sessions. They would like to participate in the St Johns Parade in May if they can get enough volunteers. You can contact them at <https://www.surjstjohnspdx.com/> .

**OLD BUSINESS**

* There was a unanimous vote for our 2023-2024 club officers-elect:
	+ President-Elect, Jenn Harbick
	+ Treasurer, Kathryn Weber
	+ Secretary, Jeremy Miller
* Lisa confirmed that we are in the process of moving our website, financial transactions and membership services to DACdb. Together with using Kaleidoscope of processing our scholarship application information and tracking the payment addresses for active NK scholars, this will relieve club members of much time-consuming labor.
* Lisa showed us an array of available club badge styles. We selected a large blue acrylic badge containing both our club and personal name and without an annual RI theme logo. Andy gave us some valuable advice on selecting badges.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* At our next meeting we will look at and evaluate Frances’ draft updated club Mission & Vision Statement (to be sent as an attachment together with these minutes).
* PETS (President-Elect Training) for our 2023-2024 club officers will be on 22-24 April. This requires changing the date of our next SOLVE pick-up! Please delete it from your calendars.

**MEMBER REPORTS**

* Byron announced that he will be retiring from Neil Kelly on 17 March after 33 years working with them. Good job, Byron! (Now he’ll have more time to work on the NK scholarship.)

The meeting closed at 12:59 PM with the 4-Way Test.

**Our next Hybrid meeting will be on Teams at 12 Noon on 15 March.** (Our regular room at Neil Kelly is reserved for another use.)

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Moore, Secretary

**Upcoming events:**

* 25 March, 8:30 AM SOLVE pick-up
* 22 April, 8:00 AM District Training Assembly at Sherwood High School, 18800 SW Haide Road, Sherwood, OR 97140
* 18-21 May “Friends & Neighbors”, two-District Celebration in Kennewick, WA