Rotary board Meeting 7/25/23

Board Attendees: Lew Burkhart, Cheryl Merriam, Bill Merriam, Liz Rogers, Kristy Jarrett, David Goode, Tom Hall, and Rita Segura.

Dues: 2/3rd of members have paid.

Dave G, Lew and Cheryl will be reaching out to members who have not paid their dues.

Club Bylaws and list of speakers are in dacDB under the “Club Files” icon tab.

Speakers: We have our guest speaker through November.

Discussion about the Bridge Fields Park fishing dock that needs to be repaired. Kristy reported that a woman who had seen the bridge said it was in bad shape. Ken is talking to the city about their involvement in fixing and maintaining it. Brief discussion about whether we want to help. We have a WL Rotary emblem on the site, so the public has the impression we’ve agreed to maintain it. Possibly remove the emblem if we are not going to make sure it’s maintained. Need more information for future discussion. Cheryl will follow up with Ken.

Liz will ask Ken about bridge in Mary S Young Park-also as a potential service project that we helped build.

Bank Account Signatories need to be updated with the bank. Burkhart, Cheryl Merriam, Bill Merriam, Tom Hall, and Rita Segura will be the signatories.

**Updated wording for bank signatures**:

This supersedes the previous meeting minutes regarding signatures.

Update to club bank account signatories – Signatories are Lew Burkhart, President, Cheryl Merriam, Past President, Bill Merriam, President Elect, Tom Hall, Treasurer,

Add Rita Segura, Secretary.

Motion was made to accept change and approved by all attendees.

**Renewal of the CD**: (Current CD is earning 3.68%and can be renewed at 4 ¼ %)

The West Linn Rotary Club is desirous of making investments in certificates of deposit and directs the president (Lew Burkhart) or the Treasurer (Tom Hall) either one acting alone to transfer funds (as funds are available) from the checking account held at Pacific West Bank to Certificates of Deposit at Pacific West Bank.

Motion was made and approved to renew the CD for another 6 months.

Allocation of charitable reservesand current charitable giving*.*

*Dave G. is calling them the “Big 4”.*

**1-Youth Exchange**-discussion about adding $6,000 so it would be $12,000 budget. Support inbound student for $6,000 and funds an outbound student for $6,000 for next year, 2024.

**2-Long-term community project-**reserve is $5,000. Proposing to add $10,000. Total $15,000 for a project that would have a long-term impact on the community.

**3-Scholarships for WLHS Seniors**-we did $3,000 last year between club and our foundation. Discussion of adding to this budget. Consider applying for a top-level grant. Increase the amount of money for scholarship to $5,000-$6,000.

**4-Guatemala-**projcet needs to be evaluated and the grant finalized.

See copy (sent prior to the meeting) for current allocation with totals attached. Motion made and approved to accept the allocation as presented.

It was suggested that each committee chair be asked to let us know what their charitable recommendations are and for what. They need and get back to us before the next Board meeting.

Lew and Liz met with Maria Horton about the Family Empowerment Event.

**August 14th**-Kettle corn popping for the 200 mini bags for the August 16th event at the Family Empowerment event. Need volunteers to help pop the kettle corn.

**August 16th**-West Linn Wilsonville School District Family Empowerment event. Supports families in need.

We’ll donate 200 mini bags of kettle corn. Volunteers needed. Rotary volunteers should arrive at 4pm to help at the welcoming table. (Event is 5-6:30 pm).

**August 18th**-Back to school event for West Linn HS.

Motion passed-20, backpacks, water bottles and 3 ring binders for WLHS students. Budget approved, $650. Volunteers needed.

Music in the Park and selling kettle corn:

-August 10th several club members who usually help will be out of town. Need to plan for volunteers.

-Email will go out (Rebecca or Lew) asking club members what dates they can volunteer.

Discussion about the survey was tabled until next meeting.

Some edits to the bylaws are proposed and they were sent by Lew for review. The current bylaws are on dacDB under the “Club Files” icon tab. Please look at those edits as proposed they are marked with red lines.