**MINUTES: Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka**

**2023-2024 Board of Directors**

**Monthly Meeting Agenda Oct. 25, 2023**

Call to order at 5:36 PM by Elan Firpo

Members present: Gillespie, Ciarabellini, Denbo, Crumley, Pesch, Goldberg, Nielsen, Fuller

Members absent: Davies-Hughes

1. Secretary’s report – Mary Crumley
   1. Action Item: Approval of the minutes for September

M. Scott Pesch

S. Peter Fuller

Passed unanimously.

1. Treasurer’s report –

The board requested a month-to-date financial report. Elan agreed to have this ready for the next board meeting on November 15, 2023. No action was taken today.

1. New Business:
   1. Ken Davlin: Resignation letter

Scott offered to reach out to Ken and take him to lunch. He also offered to purchase a condolence card for the loss of his wife.

It was suggested we make him an honorary member.

I was also suggested that the board reach out to non-attending members to check in on them.

* 1. Coast Guard: September 24th, thank you letter for CYOSN.
  2. Dictionaries: For at least THIS year they are continuing this program, but they may not continue. Do we want to participate?

The decision was made to discontinue the dictionaries via Petaluma and find another book that would be more relevant. Cindy will reach out to the Humboldt County Library and seek other options appropriate for 3rd graders. Cindy will bring this information to the board at the November board meeting. Melinda agreed to spearhead the book disbursement Elan agreed to reach out to the principals of Grant and Alice Birney.

* 1. MBTB: We will be providing the Sheriff’s K-9 Posse with the proceeds from MBTB on November 17th. The net for them is $4,351.00.

The board approved making the check for $4,500.

M. Mary Crumley

S. Peter Fuller

Passed unanimously

* 1. Best of the Wurst: Do we want to have any follow-up conversation about our relationship with the Elks Club? Income ~ $9K, Expense ~ $2K approx. net: 7K

Peter will provide a recap and event protocol at the next board meeting. What tasks were needed and who did what task.

The board agreed unanimously to try to mend our relationship with the Elk before taking any other action.

We should know net profit of Best of the Wurst by the next board meeting.

* 1. Veteran’s Day: Insurance needs to be for the 10th and 11th?

Mary will procure insurance. Cindy will order Banners to be placed at a city park.

* 1. Gregg Gardiner: He owes his old club $$.

We are waiting to see what the Rotary Club of Eureka decided to do regarding Gardiners past due account. Once this is reconciled, we can move forward with the member transfer.

* 1. We lost our non-profit status:

Motion by Peter Fuller: Procure documents and provide to a tax consultant to file tax years 2019, 2020 and 2021, or any other applicable taxes, and reinstate our non-profit status. Fee not to exceed $2000.

S: Melinda Ciarabellini.

Approved unanimously.

* 1. New Member Intake Packet:

Cindy agreed to review the New Member Intake packet for Haider.

* 1. Off-Site Meeting

March 1: The Zoo

May 30The Madakat

1. a. Toy Drive

The board agreed to have a toy drive. Members bring in toys and donate to Fire Department toy drive (or similar)

b. Holiday party instead of a meeting

The board agreed to have a Cook Your Own Steak holiday party the evening of December 1st at the Elks. Approx. 40 people. Elan will explore this with the Elks.

1. Past Presidents Report – Scott Pesch = Carson Park remaining funds

Scott will work with Erick of the Old Town club to come up with a project to use the remaining funds at Carson Park.

1. President Elect – Bill Gillespie = Good NEWS on Veteran’s Day

Discussed above

1. Community Service – Michael Davies-Hughes = Blood Drive November

Cindy suggested doing some publicity around this event during November.

1. Club Service – Peter Fuller

No Report

1. Vocational Service – Melinda Ciarabellini

Date for the Cadet graduation is December 15th

Kristina (Ukrainian exchange student) will be speaking Nov 3rd. Melinda suggested we pass the hat to help off-set airline tickets for Kristina’s family to attend her graduation.

1. Youth Service – Larry Goldberg = Environmental Grant

We will receive $600 for the Environmental grant, and $400 will go the Zoe Barnum for the garden project.

1. Public Relations – Cindy Denbo

Cindy gave us an update on what is happening with Veterans Day publicity.

1. Website – Mary Crumley

No Report

1. Foundation/Youth Exchange – Mark McGowan/Matt Nielsen

Matt announced that our former exchange student Harland Fitzgerald’s brother has been selected to be our outbound student next Rotary year.

\*Additional business:

Larry Goldberg suggested a Mardi Gras themed event for Feb or March of 2025. Cajun food, music, costume, and dance. He agreed to chair the event.

\*Fundraising operations

To be discussed in more detail at the November board meeting:

* Have a proforma when planning and budgeting future events. Larry will provide a template.
* Discuss building a budget for all future fundraisers and events.
* Create event templates and post on Google Drive. Who, What, Where, Why, When and How.
* All events should have a committee to share the responsibly and feel a sense of involvement. Prevents burnout and increases communication.
* Comp tickets for all sponsors or key individuals (IE MBTB cocktail providers). Be consistent from event to event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM

Submitted by Mary Crumley