Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka

Minutes

Board of Directors September 20, 2023

Call to Order 5:35 PM

Present: Gillespie, Denbo, Davies-Hughes, Firpo, Crumley, Fuller, Ciarabellini Goldberg, Pesch

Absent: Nilsen, Vizenor

1. Secretary’s Report-Minutes of August meeting approved; **Motion Ciarabellini, Second Gillespie, Unanimous**
2. Treasurer’s Report- Our non-profit status IRS fee was not received, when paperwork was submitted. Hawthorne (Katie) will investigate this. She is doing data entry, deposits, and billing. Ciarabellini asked if we received a bill from the Elks for the Coast Guard dinner. We have not. Crumley asked if our RI dues bill was paid and sent. Firpo said it was. Hawthorne will investigate why we are still showing delinquent. There was discussion around members not responding to lunch texts sent by Firpo, then showing up and having lunch. Firpo wants to give it another month. She feels we are getting closer to having the correct amount of food. **Motion to approve July Foundation financial report Pesch, second by Gillespie. Motion to approve July balance sheet and P&L Gillespie, second by Davies-Hughes.**
3. President’s Report-
4. Maui Relief Fund. Still collecting funds.
5. District Grant approved and sent with our 6K. Rio Dell playground. Sal from Fortuna Sunrise will attend a club meeting and discuss the project.
6. Tour of the Unknown Coast on September 16th. Do we publicize? Denbo explained that we need the right kind of photos (People of Action) to put in the paper. Our member photos can be shared via social media. Denbo and Crumley were asked to give a presentation on the correct way to take photos that are publicity-worthy.
7. Blood Drive Competition. Eureka area clubs will participate in a blood drive in early November. The club with the most pints donated PER CAPITA will win a social/BBQ/Picnic hosted by the other two clubs. Davies-Hughes will help coordinate this with his peers from the other two clubs.
8. Environmental grant. We are eligible for $600 if we participate. Pictures, description etc. will be required. Goldberg is going to speak with Michele Mayo at Zoe Barnum to see if they want to partner with us. The idea was to plant a garden or trees with the students.
9. Best of the Wurst. October 19th at the Elks. Fuller will chair this event with additional support from Pesch and Ajina. Denbo will meet with Fuller to discuss publicity. This will be eat-in and drive-through event. The primary benefiary will be Redwood Adult Teen Challenge with a portion too aid the Ukraine exchange student, Kristina. She is raising funds for her family’s airfare so they can see her graduate this June.
10. Veterans Day November 11th. Gillespie is the event chair. He is currently working on finding volunteers and making progress on the event details. We still need a speaker. Gillespie will reach out to CG Commander Scott Powers to ask if he’s available to speak.
11. October BOD meeting will be moved to Oct. 25th. We will have our BOD meeting with DG Boylan on Oct. 13th at the Elks at 11AM.
12. Past President: Pesch - no report
13. President Elect: Gillespie. Announced that he will co-chair the Yahtzee event scheduled for Feb. 13th.
14. Community Service: Davies-Hughes, no report
15. Club Service- Fuller no report
16. International Service-Need a member for this.
17. Vocational Service- no report
18. Youth Service Report- no report
19. Public Image Report- no report
20. Website-Mary Crumley no report
21. Foundation Chair Nielson was absent. McGowan has yet to pass the Foundation Torch to Nielson. Firpo will follow up.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM

Submitted by: Mary Crumley