**Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka**

**2023-2024 Board of Directors**

**Monthly Meeting MINUTES**

Attending: Firpo, Gillespie, Davies- Hughes, Ciarabellini, Crumley, Goldberg, Nilsen

Absent: Fuller, Pesch, Denbo

Guest: Gardiner

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Meeting Date: April 17, 2024

Meeting Time: 5:30 – 7:00pm

Location: HCOE Annex

Call to order – Elan Firpo @ 5:34PM

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

**M. Gillespie**

**S. Davies-Hughes**

**Approve:100%**

1. Treasurer’s report
   1. Balance of Club Checking: $12,065.17
   2. Balance of Foundation Checking: $11,876.57
   3. Dormant Savings @ RCB: $20,091.68
   4. YTD P&L, General and Foundation

**Funds in Dormant Savings needs to have the signatures changed and funds moved into General Funds**

1. New Business:
   1. Honor Flight for Vietnam Veterans – Gregg Gardiner

**Gardiner gave us an overview of the program. He is asking the board to consider our club as being the Lead organizer for the North Coast Honor Flight, with the anticipation of the first flight (60 vets and 60 caretakers) taking place later this year. The approximate cost is $80K. $30K is in an account with Eureka** **Rotary (RCB), so additional $50K would be required. Additionally, it would require a big public image presence. It was discussed that we should seek out other local organizations to see if they have interest in partnering with us, as this would a big commitment if we agree to take it on. The first ‘ask’ would be Eureka Rotary and OT Rotary. This will be revisited next month.**

* 1. Nomination for two Paul Harris Fellows by Gregg & Kathy Gardiner

**Two women with Veteran’s Affairs will be honored by Gregg and Kathy with a PHF using Greggs PHF points**.

* 1. Rotary Youth Exchange Participation Agreement. **The board agreed to participate in the RYE program.**

**M. Davies-Hughes**

**S. Gillespie**

**Approve:100%**

1. Old Business:
   1. Defibrillator for Humboldt Trap & Skeet Still no response
   2. Switch to DACdb accounting = $120 per month.
   3. Yahtzee: $20.000 to We Are UP and $2824 to each club as hold back.
   4. Switch to dacDB accounting. Realized that we are on QB program that allows for three users = $120/month = $1,440 2023/2024 fiscal year
   5. Yahtzee:
2. Past Presidents Report – Scott Pesch Absent
3. President Elect – Bill Gillespie **Newman wants to step back from Backpacks. Davin was suggested as a possible alternative.**
4. Community Service – Michael Davies-Hughes. **Looking into other opportunities**
5. Club Service – Peter Fuller Absent
6. Vocational Service – Melinda Ciarabellini Working **with Zoe Barnum on scholarships (new principle this year). Will confirm with Kristin on providing gift cards with no fees.**
7. Youth Service – Larry Goldberg = Environmental Grants **Will talk with Michele Mayo at Zoe Barnum regarding spending the entire $600 on the garden project**.
8. Public Relations – Cindy Denbo. Absent
9. Website – Mary Crumley No Report
10. Foundation/Youth Exchange –Matt Nilsen **Working on getting a foundation speaker to talk at an upcoming meeting. Will reach out to Jennifer Strong.**

**Upcoming Speakers:**

4/19/2024 = Tom Lewis

4/26/2024 = Larry Goldberg – Climate change

5/3/2024 = Youth Exchange presentation – Mark McGowan and Haider

5/10/2024 = Juan our exchange student

5/17/2024 =