

Iola Rotary Board Meeting – December 14, 2021

President Alana Kinzle called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm at the Stadler Room at the Allen Community College. Members present: Judy Brigham, Dan Davis, Jim Gilpin, Karen Gilpin, Donna Grigsby, Bob Hawk, Alana Kinzle, Frances Kinzle, Ellis Potter, and Mike Waldman.

Minutes – Alana submitted a correction to the November minutes. M/S/P (Frances/Bob) that the minutes of the November meeting be approved as amended. M/S/P (Bob/Mike) that the minutes of the Special Called meeting on Nov 18, 2021, be approved as presented.

Financial Report –Mike submitted the October and November Financials. The income in October statement included money from the Grocery Grab. The account balances at the end of October are as follows: Checking - \$12,479.64; Recycling - \$32,511.34; Rotary Closet - \$2,961.00; Cars & BBQ - \$16,089.87; Foundation - \$29,781.14. M/S/P (Jim/Bob) to accept the October financial report as presented. Mike said that he paid \$3,397.67 for the Thanksgiving Baskets, \$1,505.76 for the Grocery Grab and \$300 total to the three Food Pantries in Allen County. Net from Grocery Grab is \$3,635.80. The account balances at the end of November are as follows: Checking - \$7,451.23; Recycling - \$31,604.14; Rotary Closet - \$2,961.17; Cars & BBQ - \$16,090.80; Foundation - \$27,386.34. M/S/P (Dan/Donna) to accept the November financial report as presented. Mike said that he paid \$281.50 to the Bowlus Fine Arts Center as memorial to Dan Johnson but the check was written in December so will show up on the December report.

Correspondence

Donna read correspondence from The Wheelchair Mission for our contribution of \$600. She also read thank you notes from the Moran Pride Thrive Group and from the Humboldt Ministerial Alliance for our \$100 to each organization.

Current Business

Grant Update – Bob Hawk said he hasn't heard anything concerning the Global Grant. He and Judy submitted the grants for next year. They wrote a request for twelve students to attend RYLA and one for the Dictionary/Atlas project. The request was for \$3,600 and Dictionary/Atlases for \$1,125. RYLA will be March 17-20, 2022. Judy noted the Grant deadline has changed to November 30th so it was difficult to complete requirements for the Thanksgiving Baskets we had this year.

Imagination Library – Judy said that Governor Kevin Merrill reported that the scores for children in Arkansas had improved since the inception of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library there. Judy would like to see a study done in Kansas, with the hope of getting similar results. She has contacted Janie Works because they have pledged \$5,000 per year for five years beginning 2020. We also have a request in to the Whitehead Trust for this project. She currently has 350 enrolled which has cost \$7,110.57 from January 1 through November 30th. Cox Cable has given us \$5,000 in continued support of our club. Judy contacted Cox because Tom had written the grant in the past and she doesn't think it was done this year. Cox assured Judy that they want to continue to support our Iola Rotary Club. Bob suggested that we ask

Sharon Moreland to help with the project to help kindergarten children better be ready when they start school.

Recycling Update – Karen said they were still looking for somewhere to move because Westervelt said we cannot store equipment there. She said they are still picking up cardboard and are going to leave empty totes. They have looked at the old chicken factory. If all else fails, they will move it to the farm. However, they would rather not move things twice. She said everything will be moved out of Peerless by the end of the year. Karen asked that Rotarians help with the Dec 18th pickup.

New Business

Thank you for Peerless – Alana asked about us giving a Thank You to Peerless for letting us use the facility for the past year. Dan said that he thanked them via email. Bob said we should give them an actual letter. Judy suggested that we take in some food because this is holiday time. M/S/P (Frances/Mike) that Frances will contact Peerless about delivering food platters as a Thank You on Rotary's behalf. The cost will come from the Recycle Account not to exceed \$500. President Alana will write the Thank You letter to Peerless to accompany the food platters.

Paul Harris – Donna said that we need to make an effort to get our new members to become Paul Harris Fellows. Several said they have points to donate toward PHF. Ellis said that he will find a spot to have a program about the importance of becoming a Paul Harris Fellow.

Christmas Social – Will be at the Shannon Building owned by Paul Porter and Hayley Derryberry. Everyone brings a drink of choice and an appetizer to share.

Unpaid members – Mike has attempted to contact the five members who have not paid their dues this year. He has sent emails out to those who are delinquent. Donna said that if a person wants to withdraw from membership, they need to send an email or letter announcing their intent to withdraw.

Other Items

The next board meeting will be January 11, 2020, noon at the Stadler Room at ACC.

M/S/P (Bob/Jim) that the meeting be adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Donna Grigsby, Secretary

Approved 1/11/2022