

## Iola Rotary Board Meeting – February 4, 2022

President Alana Kinzle called the meeting to order at 9:04 am at the Stadler Room at the Allen Community College. Members present: Judy Bringham, Dan Davis, Donna Grigsby, Stan Grigsby, Alana Kinzle, Chelsea Lea, Mike Waldman and Jaime Westervelt. Richard Zahn also attended.

Minutes – M/S/P (Judy/Dan) that the minutes of the January meeting be approved presented.

Financial Report –Treasurer, Mike has not had time to complete the January Financial Report. He will present it next month along with the February Financial Report.

### **Correspondence**

Alana read a email from the Iola Chamber of Commerce stating that the Iola Rotary Club will receive an award at their banquet February 24, 2022. Rotary members are invited to attend the banquet. Let Alana know before 2/10 if you want to attend. Judy said she would attend for Rotary.

### **Current Business**

Status of Missing Recycling Funds – Alana asked Mike if he had received any money for the Recycling Account. Mike said he had received nothing since September 2021. He contacted Quincy and was told the last shipment they picked up from us was in August 2021. Alana said she had appointed a small committee of Judy Bringham, Mike Waldman, Stan Grigsby, Fred Works and Alana Kinzle to look into the missing funds and get those turned back into the Recycling Account. Alana said we need to write Steve a formal letter requesting that the funds be turned into Mike to put into the Recycling account.

District Governor Kevin Merrill's Visit – The DG will attend our meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Alana asked for a suggestion to host a social for Kevin and Lisa either the night before or that evening. Judy said that Kevin may not be staying in the area and come only for the meeting. We discussed the possibility of having a joint meeting with the three local clubs – Fort Scott, Chanute and Iola. Judy said she would talk to Kevin on the 12<sup>th</sup> to see what he plans. We discussed what to give for a gift from the club. Suggestions were: two Rotary Day in The Park T-Shirts from 2021, a loaf of Hayley Derryberry's Sourdough Bread, and some local honey. Judy said she would look into getting an iron skillet.

### **New Business**

Honorary Member – Mike said that there is a member who keeps asking him if he has paid his dues. Mike wondered if we could move the member to Honorary status so that he wouldn't have to pay dues. Stan pointed out that there are only two classifications of membership recognized by Rotary International - Active and Honorary. Each club can define sub-classifications under those two. It was noted that an Honorary member has no benefits as a Rotarian and would not receive the Rotary magazine. It was noted that Richard Chase was concerned because he is not able to be as active as he would like. M/S/P (Donna/Judy) to make Richard Chase an R-85 Member. While he will still pay dues, he will not be required to participate in all events. He will still have the opportunity to participate, if he wishes. Donna will contact Richard and explain.

Payment for President Elect Training (PETS) – Alana pointed out that PETS for Chelsea is March 24-27, 2022. We budget for the registration which is \$250. She said that because PETS is mandatory, we should pay for the lodging and other expenses as well. Mike said that in the past, we had budgeted \$1,000 for the PETS. M/S/P (Judy/Dan) moved that Rotary pay the expenses for the President-Elect to attend PETS, including registration, hotel, meals and gas expenses. Mike asked that Chelsea keep all expense receipts to turn into him.

Rotary Closet – We have received \$2,500 from the Whitehead Trust so now have over \$5,000 in the Rotary Closet account. Jaime said that she had reached out to Angie Linn about the possibility of having an actual closet for the new school since all the students will be in one place. She has not heard back. She is also thinking about the high school. Jaime would like to place hygiene products at the high school with possible underwear, socks and shoes. Jaime was asked to bring a proposal to the March board meeting after she talks to the teacher about their needs.

Moving the School Bell – Judy brought the newspaper article about moving the school bell to the new elementary school. The estimate cost of moving and restoring the bell is approximately \$10,000. Judy feels that it would be a great project for our club to fulfill one of the Rotary objectives for children and education. Stan said this project emphasizes to the community our Rotary commitment to early education. M/S/P (Judy/Stan) that our Rotary Club fund the moving of the bell up to \$10,000 with representation of signage for Rotary Club of Iola for the bell to be located at the new elementary school.

Human Trafficking Program on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> - Judy as Jaime to help share the upcoming program with ACMAT. Jennifer Montgomery, Public Affairs Director, from the Attorney General's office will speak to our regular meeting at 12:15 that day on Human Trafficking. Judy would like to invite other agencies and the high school to the meeting. She wondered if we should rent the Bowlus for the larger venue. Judy was told to check into booking the Bowlus for the Feb 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Other Items**

February 10<sup>th</sup> is the Valentine Social at 6:00 pm, 110 Lounge & Event Center

February 17<sup>th</sup> – Ed Hardesty will be at the meeting to discuss the Paul Harris Foundation.

The next board meeting will be March 8, 2022, noon at the ACC Stadler Room. \

M/S/P (Mike/Dan) that the meeting be adjourned at 9:59 am.

Donna Grigsby, Secretary

*Approved 3/22/2022*