

Iola Rotary Board Meeting – March 22, 2022

Secretary Donna Grigsby opened the meeting in the Board Room of the Allen Community College at 12:04 pm. The first order of business was to elect a President Protem for the meeting. M/S/P (Don Bain/Matt Stuckey) to elect Judy Brigham to lead this board meeting. Members present: Don Bain, Judy Brigham, Dan Davis, Jim Gilpin, Karen Gilpin, Donna Grigsby, Frances Kinzle, Lorraine Kuzen-Stephens, Chelsea Lea, Ellis Potter, Matt Stuckey, Mike Waldman and Jaime Westervelt. Fred Works and Richard Zahn also attended.

Minutes – M/S/P (Don/Mike) that the minutes of the February meeting be approved as presented. Matt moved to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting on March 4th. Dan seconded the motion which was approved with one abstaining.

Financial Report – Treasurer, Mike presented the January Financial Report. There is still one member who has not paid dues but he is in contact with that individual. The account balances at the end of January are as follows: Checking - \$8,733.89; Recycling - \$30,749.41; Rotary Closet - \$5,461.56; Cars & BBQ - \$16,456.89; Foundation - \$37,342.88. M/S/P (Frances/Don) to accept the January financial report as presented. Mike said in February he paid the rent on the Bowlus for the meeting on Human Trafficking and paid for the venue for the Valentine Social. He also paid a reimbursement from the Rotary Closet account. We still have the monthly withdrawals from the Foundation for the Imagination Library. The account balances at the end of February are as follows: Checking - \$6,774.47; Recycling - \$30,803.04; Rotary Closet - \$5,368.23; Cars & BBQ - \$16,457.77; Foundation - \$36,675.20. M/S/P (Dan/Karen) to accept the February financial report as presented.

Correspondence

Donna showed a patch we received from the 2022 Rotary Rose Parade Float committee for our support of the float with the theme “Changing Lives Through Education”.

New Business

Walmart donations – Jaime said Walmart had donated ten boxes of clothes to the Rotary Closet. She asked is someone to please write a thank you note to them.

CITF Request – Judy said she has received a request from the CITF wanting to have a street dance on the square for the community while the Iola high school is having their prom. The cost of the band for the dance is \$500. Their lead singer is from the Mildred Store. After discussion, M/S/P (Frances/Karen) moved that we donate \$250 to the band for CITF.

Request from Southern Coffey County After-Prom Committee – Danny Mattheis is on the committee and sent the request to the board. This is for students in the Leroy-Gridley School District No. 245. M/S/P (Donna/Lorraine) to donate \$100 to the SCC After-Prom Committee.

Water Wells in Kenya – Frances talked about investigating the possibility of drilling water wells in Kenya near Luka’s hometown. Donna said that we should contact the Eldoret Rotary Club to partner with on that type of project. Judy mentioned that we need to investigate getting a global grant for that type of project.

Update to Special Meeting in March – Fred reported that the letter was delivered and no money was received. We received a letter from Steve Strickler’s attorney in Fort Scott saying a lot of things but it did

not amount to a lot. On Wednesday of last week, Detective Froggett met with Fred and spent about an hour and a half going over the financial things and the papers he had prepared from those. He asked Det Froggett to determine if that was a criminal case or just a civil issue. Fred was told that would be up to the County Attorney. Judy said that Det Froggett called her this morning. Judy was told by Det. Froggett that he feels this should be a criminal case. However, the County Attorney decided not to prosecute as a criminal matter. He said we could pursue it as a civil collection issue. Judy asked if Rotary sued for the collection of the missing funds, could we also sue for attorney's fees? Fred said that we could not sue for attorney's fees. Fred offered to call the Fort Scott Attorney as a Rotarian, not as an attorney, to give him Rotary's side of the story. Fred suggested that we wait to take further action until after he talks to the Fort Scott attorney.

Fred feels like we should just give Steve the two pallet jacks. Jaime said that one of the pallet jacks has a sticker "M&W" on it. Dan said that he found a sticker when they were bailing that was for "Most Wanted Vodka". He put that sticker on the grey pallet jack. After discussion, Donna moved to give the two pallet jacks to Steve Strickler for use in recycling if it is determined that the grey one is not owned by M&W Manufacturing. Karen seconded the motion which was passed by vote 11 yes, 1 no and 1 abstaining. Donna will type a letter to have Fred review which we will have Steve sign when he receives the pallet jacks. (Note: Jaime determined that neither pallet jack belonged to M&W. Attached is the form that Steve and Donna both signed on March 25th when Steve picked up the pallet jacks.)

Other Items

March 24th meeting will be held at the Iola Water Plant at noon.

The next board meeting will be April 12, 2022, noon at the ACC Stadler Room.

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm

Donna Grigsby, Secretary

Addendum: On April 5th, Bob Hawk received a request from Tod Westervelt to buy the baler. Bob Hawk moved and Stan Grigsby seconded to sell the baler to Tod Westervelt for \$1,000. Via email vote to the 17 Rotary Board members, 14 responded "yes". There were three members who did not respond with a vote. The motion passed to sell the baler to Tod Westervelt for \$1,000.

Approved 5-10-2022