

Iola Rotary Board Special Called Meeting – March 3, 2022

Prior to the start of the meeting, Judy Brigham showed the Community Support Champion award presented to Iola Rotary Club at the Iola Chamber of Commerce dinner.

Past President Danny Mattheis called the meeting to order at 12:12 pm at the Stadler Room at the Allen Community College. Board members present: Don Bain, Judy Brigham, Dan Davis, Jim Gilpin, Karen Gilpin, Donna Grigsby, Stan Grigsby, Bob Hawk, Frances Kinzle, Lorraine Kuzen-Stephens, Chelsea Lea, Ellis Potter, Matt Stuckey, and Jaime Westervelt. Also in attendance were Danny Mattheis, Gary McIntosh, Matt Rehder, Clyde Toland, Fred Works, Judy Works and Richard Zahn.

Danny called Fred Works to the podium to present the report of the special committee's findings. The special committee composed of Judy Brigham, Stan Grigsby, Mike Waldman, and Fred Works had been appointed by President Alana Kinzle to investigate missing funds from the Recycle Account. Dan Davis later joined the committee.

Fred presented the committee's findings from its review of accounting spreadsheets that Steve Stricker had provided and noted that many of the figures in the spreadsheet do not make sense and are not supported by any documentation. As a result, Fred said that three questions were looked at: 1) Was Rotary money diverted? 2) If so, how much was it? and 3) What does Steve really want? After analyzing the spreadsheets provided by Steve, Fred said that it is apparent that approximately \$15,780.06 of Rotary Recycling funds appears to have been diverted to an account in Steve's personal name and that Steve is requesting reimbursement for various claimed undocumented expenses in the sum of \$37,856.83. Fred stated that the spreadsheets also indicated that the costs associated with the recycling program exceed the income making this effort unsustainable and not feasible.

Fred then presented the committee's recommendations which generally provide for a demand that Steve return the diverted funds and provide documentation as to any funds diverted from Rotary or paid to other third parties to Rotary treasurer Mike Waldman by 4:00 pm, Wednesday, March 9, 2022, along with several other recommendations. A copy of the written recommendation is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Fred then asked for questions and discussion.

Because we do not currently have a president, Stan moved that Danny Mattheis be confirmed as President for this special session. Motion was seconded by Donna and passed by unanimous vote of the present board members plus the proxy vote Mike Waldman assigned to Judy Brigham. Danny then presided over the remainder of the meeting.

After discussion, Judy B. moved the board approve the committee's recommendations as presented by Fred in their entirety. Jaime seconded the motion. The motion passed with 13 votes for yes and 2 votes for no.

Ellis asked how this information would be presented to Steve. After discussion, Dan Davis and Donna Grigsby agreed to present the adopted recommendations to Steve on Friday, March 4, 2022, along with a cover letter to be written by Fred Works.

Fred reiterated that it is in everyone's best interests that this issue be dealt with privately and encouraged those at the meeting to not discuss the issue outside of the meeting. If asked about the issue in light of recent emails received by all Rotary members, Fred suggested simply stating that there has been a misunderstanding and that it is being worked out.

The regular board meeting will be held Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Donna Grigsby, Secretary

Approved 3/22/2022