**Pittsburg Rotary Club**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**March 16, 2021**

Members present: Zach Adams, Bryce Anderson, Monica Angeles, Jon Bartlow, Pam Henderson, Brian Jones, Angela Meyer, Cristy Mitchell, Johnna Norton, Julie Reams, Jeff Wilbert

Members absent: Bob Beasley, Jerime Carpenter, Brett Dunbar

Guests: Elishia Seals

Johnna Norton called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. via Google Meet. There were no additions/corrections to the February 16th minutes. Julie moved to accept the minutes and Zach seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Jeff Wilbert

* Checking - $4,041.59; Money Market - $16,129.22; Rotary Leffler Park - $10,305.03
* Received thank you notes from the recipients of our community grants.
* Reviewed funds still available for this year.

**Secretary’s Report** – Pam Henderson

* Total membership at current is 87: 73 active, 11 R85, 3 honorary. Three members down.
* Attendance average July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 is 55.9% with make-ups factored into the number. February was 51.4%.
* Presidential Citation: We are required to complete 13 out of 25 achievements. We have 11 completed. Need to submit a media story on a club project and have 10 more members participate in a service project.
* Begin preparations for end of the year awards.

**President’s Report** – Johnna Norton

* PETS virtually March 20 and 27. Virtual District Assembly on April 10 and virtual District Conference is May 1.
* Women’s event will be June 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Changing of the Horses will be moved to June 29.
* Pittcation events available during spring break. Interested in sponsoring, let Johnna know.

**Committee Chair Reports**

**Club Administration** – Zach Adams

* Distributed a handout with ideas for discussion on meeting locations and times. Johnna shared Ascension is looking to open back up to civic clubs maybe as early as April or May. Discussion will continue at March 30 board meeting.

**Membership** – Jon Bartlow

* Pursuing recruitment ideas such as starting a satellite club and offering a discounted membership rate to new members.

**Service** – Monica Angeles and Bryce Anderson

* Currently we have 10-11 projects annually. We should consider adjusting timing so they all do not happen between October to December. Suggested addition was helping with Salvation Army commodities which take place once a month. Monica noted the Hispanic group is interested in assisting us with a project. Other ideas were: 1) can food drive for the Lord’s Diner, 2) fire extinguishers in partnership with Pittsburg Fire, 3) MSNI work day, 4) bike safety rodeo and helmet distribution in coordination with Kansas Kids Day on May 1 and picking up trash along the walking trail to Leffler Park. At the March 30 board meeting, we will select 2-3 projects to try to complete this spring or at least add to our club service projects since we have lost the dental screenings.

**Rotary Rocks Out Hunger** – Jon Bartlow

* Shared a handout with ideas to make this event a family/club social this year. His band has volunteered to play and our donation to the Lord’s Diner could be presented at this time. May 15 is Pittsburg High School graduation. Further discussion will continue at the March 30 board meeting.

**Foundation** – Julie Reams

* 14 Paul Harris Fellows to award at the March 30th meeting. Another option for a media story.

**Public Relations** – Jerime Carpenter (absent)

**Youth Services** – Elishia Seals

* Scholarship applications are available through the school counselors and the deadline is April 16. She needs four volunteers to complete the review committee. Joe Hart, Kip Bollinger and Pam volunteered.
* RYLA will not take place this year.

**Interact/Rotaract** – Brian Jones

* He will set things up over the summer to roll out a program when school begins in August.

**Strategic Plan** – Cristy Mitchell

* Smaller focus groups will meet on March 23 between 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus facility. The goal is to finish the plan by June 30. Jeff made a motion for Rotary to buy lunch that day, Jon seconded and motion passed.

**Old Business**

* Leffler Park improvements – benches were installed at the park and the $3500 worth of musical playground equipment has been received by the city.
* Sharing Smiles Project – Johnna received the 12 signs. One side is a smiling face and the other promotes vaccinations. Asked for a volunteer to chair this project and move the signs around town to various locations. We will kick off the project by placing them at the hospital with the vaccination message. Leffler Park and Elishia’s house at Joplin and Quincy were other locations mentioned. The signs can help celebrate life events and let members know we miss them. It would be good to do a media press release on the signs and their purpose.

**New Business**

* Monica Holmes submitted a new member application. Pam moved to accept her, Zach seconded. Motion passed.
* Marsha Wallace resigned her board position which runs through June 2022. Nominations were taken, which included the next top vote getters from the last election. Will Norton received the most votes and will be asked to join the board.

**Good of the Order**

Next board meeting is March 30, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lord’s Diner.

Meeting adjourned 12:08 p.m.