**MEETING LOCATION Jolly Boys at Twin Hills**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Board Members present:**

**Robert Reaves**

**Jennifer Shotwell**

**Chad Brueckner**

**Vicky Mieseler**

**Nathan Hicks**

**Kim Shriver**

**Wally Bloss**

**Robin McAlester**

**Duane Dreiling**

**Robert Carlson**

**Beverly Block**

**Other club members present: Bob Headlee**

**(Board Members not present listed in RED)**

Meeting was called to order by Robert Reaves

* **Consent Agenda** – Robert Reaves
  + Robert presented Minutes from the last meeting. Minutes were approved.
* **Club Administration Committee:** Jennifer Shotwell
  + **Weekly Programs**: Stephanie Brady/Robert Reaves
    - Booked through March with exception of one date
    - Vicky, Robert, Sid and Stephanie are sharing programming responsibilities
    - Feedback on programs is positive, enjoy offsite
  + **Sculpture Garden**: Bob Headlee
    - Bella Vista Arts Council visited last week and given personal tour. Lots of notoriety
    - Joplin Soroptomists have committed to purchasing a sculpture, looking for artist
    - Barbara Hicklin is donating a small sculpture
    - Nov. 28th- - Holiday tree Trail- evening program 5:30-8pm with cookies, hot chocolate and dance program
    - City is installing power around the oval this year to enable more lighting, activities
    - 28 sculptures currently- 27 bronze, 1 stainless steel
    - Several in the works, creating brochure to spread awareness, potential fund drive for a public donated sculpture, as it grows there is a need to ensure funding for ongoing maintenance, new cameras coming that allow more features
  + **Rotarian of the Year**: Robert Reaves, no update at this time.
* **Membership Committee:** Nathan Hicks
  + **New Member Orientation:** Bob Headlee/Nathan Hicks
    - Dates set for Nov 21st and Dec 19th for coffee /donuts meeting to engage with new / current and prospective members.
    - 7-8am at Area Agency on Aging facility at 531 E. 15th Joplin
    - Got several through Blue Badge over the past month. Three left that are close to completion to move into Red Badge. One more Red Badge has been out of contact until recently
  + **Public Relations:** Robert Carlson
    - RYLA will be on Living Well next Monday
* **Finance Committee:** (Treasurer) Charles Keeter
  + **RI Foundation:** Audie Dennis
    - 28 now enrolled in Rotary Direct, up 19 members, this year’s goal is to get up to 50%
    - 47 PHF, 8 benefactors, 2 major donors and 1 bequest society
    - All time club giving is $446,454
  + **Community Fund:** Scott Belden
    - Reviewing and amending bylaws
  + **Financial Reports**
    - **Operating Account: $16,664.48**
    - **Community Fund: $2,616.46**
* **Service Committee**: Kim Shriver
  + **Community Projects**: Duane Dreiling (reported by Kim Shriver)
    - Bright Futures Snack Pack program this morning-575 packed for one elementary school
    - Building Bridges meal- will be served tonight
  + **Youth Services**: Chad Brueckner
    - **RYLA**: Scott Belden
      * October 2023- sent 4 students, 1 chief
    - **Interact/Rotaract**: Chad Brueckner
      * **Rotaract**- Chad still struggling with contact info, who their representative is but finally has a contact name and information
      * **Interact**-
        + Interact has expanded the garden at South Middle School. Plaque is completed and will be installing. Will do a ceremony in spring when things are growing back. Plan to apply for a Community Fund Grant this next year.
        + Stephanie Brady’s son is discussing with the Joplin High School to start an Interact Club there. There is not a current sponsor and Daybreak has traditionally supported this club. Will reach out to them to discuss their interest vs allowing our club to take over
* **Dictionary Project**: Lori Smith (reported by Chad)
  + Dictionaries have been delivered
    - **4 Way Speech Contest**: Brad Hodson no report
    - **Adopt A School**
      * Jefferson Elementary. Have several regular Rotarians now helping with this monthly. CFA for December and Chad will coordinate. Jefferson has the higest number of students this year in its history. 90% of students are free/reduced lunch. 70% from single parent households.
* **Old Business:**
  + **Fall Fundraiser: Robin McAlester**
    - Total donated/sold- $4704. Order total -$3275.88. Profit of $1428
    - Need to sell the 22 extra wreaths from cases purchased and will receive additional $800 profit
    - 24 Rotarians participated- selling or donation or combination
    - If those 24 Rotarians paid difference of what they sold vs minimum requested- could add another $500 profit
    - If other 40 members made a donation for not selling that would be a huge boost
    - Discussion regarding getting those donations from those that did not participate. Recognizing that members need treated equally with those who did sell. Suggested a slide on weekly power point and email thanking those 24 who participated and request the others to make their $100 suggested donation and purchase other remaining wreaths. Also, possibly invoice those individuals for the $100.
    - Robert will create a letter to send out.
* **New Business:**
  + **District Grants**
    - Apply for district grant for dictionary project. Motion made and approved
  + **Nominating Committee**
    - Bylaws require nominating committee to be formed for upcoming year- Will be Robert, Jennifer, Chad, Wally, Charlie and Nathan. Will report back in January.
  + **Wally- Shoes for Orphan Souls**
    - Connects with a charity called Buckner Services. Collects brand new shoes for children and will be sent this year to Dominican Republic and Kenya. Three other districts in MO are having a conference this spring and asked that all MO clubs donate new, close-toed shoes to bring for this project though end of March. Wally proposed that our club participate, suggested to have one day designated a month to have Rotarians bring shoes to donate to the meeting. Representatives from MO will take to an April conference to be sent on. Motion passed by Board to participate
  + **International Wheelchair Project**
    - Sid plans to go with the district wheelchair project in 2024. He would like to have a platform to request members to donate towards a wheelchair ($150). A motion was made and approved for Sid to have some time to present at an upcoming meeting and approach the club for donations.
  + **Spring Fundraiser**
    - Discussed holding a wine pull, but not holding the whole dinner/presentation. Members would donate the wine. Locations to hold the event were suggested with no decisions. Will discuss further at the next board meeting
    - **Next Meeting Date- January 11, 2024**
    - **Adjourn**

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