**MEETING LOCATION Creative Learning Alliance**

**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**

**Charlie Keeter**

**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 April
    - Vicky, Robert, Sid and Stephanie are sharing programming responsibilities
    - Feedback on programs is positive, enjoy offsite
  + **Sculpture Garden**: Bob Headlee
    - 1,000 people came to the opening night of the Holiday Tree Trail
    - Have another sculpture in town, but not quite ready to be placed
    - Joplin Soroptomists have committed to purchasing a sculpture, looking for artist
  + **Rotarian of the Year**: Robert Reaves, no update at this time.
    - Will start moving on this soon to start with nominations.
* **Membership Committee:** Nathan Hicks
  + **New Member Orientation:** Bob Headlee/Nathan Hicks
    - No new members at this time.
    - One still in Red Badge, Bob is following up with him this week.
  + **Public Relations:** Robert Carlson
    - Gave away a fundraiser wreath on Living Well and had one person come by the bank to purchase one.
* **Finance Committee:** (Treasurer) Charles Keeter
  + **RI Foundation:** Audie Dennis (reported by Charlie)
    - Will be presenting new PHF and pins at the meeting 1/18/24
    - Will be presenting on 1/25/24
  + **Community Fund:** Scott Belden
    - Reviewing and amending bylaws. Next meeting is 1/18/24.
  + **Financial Reports**
    - **Operating Account: $13,412.42**
    - **Community Fund: $3,611.46**
* **Service Committee**: Kim Shriver
  + **International:** Sid is participating in the District Wheelchair Project and asking the Club to contribute to the purchase of 10 wheelchairs. He will present this directly to the Club at a future meeting.
  + **Community Projects**: Duane Dreiling
    - Bright Futures Snack Pack program- Next is 5/2/24
    - Building Bridges meal- will be another this quarter
    - Vita Nova Village is asking Rotary to run a Beer Tent for their May fundraiser they have had the past 2 years. Board reports Daybreak has run several of these successfully, but the proceeds would be for the Village. Concerns that lack of experience and risk/reward would not be beneficial. Recommended to forward to Daybreak to consider. Robert will follow up with Vita Nova Village to make them aware.
  + **Youth Services**: Chad Brueckner
    - **RYLA**: Scott Belden
    - **Interact/Rotaract**: Chad Brueckner
      * **Rotaract**- Chad reports still up in the air due to many unresolved questions regarding sponsor, dues, semester long ambassadors, coordination
        + Discussion of changing it into a community club.
      * **Interact**-
        + Interact has expanded the garden at South Middle School. Still planning a ceremony in spring and will have media coverage.
        + No update on the High School being interested in forming a club.
    - **Dictionary Project**: Lori Smith – no report
    - **4 Way Speech Contest**: Brad Hodson (by Kim Shriver)
      * Submissions due 1/19/24 and expect approximately 60 submissions. 5-6 Rotarians each from 3 area clubs needed to watch videos and rank using a rubric.
    - **Adopt A School**
      * Jefferson Elementary- Have 5 regular Rotarians now helping with this monthly. January was cancelled due to school schedule and not in session. Will resume in February. Many of the students at the school are transient and change monthly.
* **Old Business:**
  + **Fall Fundraiser Wrap Up: Robin McAlester**
    - Total donated/sold- $5,808. Order total -$3,185.03. Profit of $2,622.97
    - Robin felt this was a relatively uncomplicated fundraiser for the club.
    - There are a few things she would do differently next year.
    - She felt the product was really good and the company great to work with, it would be smoother if there was a delivery/pickup located in Joplin instead of her home an hour away.
    - Club agreed it would a great fundraiser to do again.
    - Several Rotarians said theirs are still alive and doing well!
* **New Business:**
  + **Wally- Shoes for Orphan Souls**
    - Presented to the club today to start bringing shoes to meetings.
    - Send out an email to the club, include in CHATS and have as a Living Well feature
  + **Spring Fundraiser**
    - This has been put on hold for now after successful Wreath fundraiser wrap-up.
    - **Next Meeting Date- March 14, 2024**
    - **Adjourn**

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