



Rotary Morning Club

Board Meeting

Friday, January 29, 2021

Attending: Susan Clark, Jack Rueter, John Weidert, Corinne White, Drew Kahle, Melanie Pederson, Kathy Wright, Denise Smith, Paul Bridges

Absent: Steve Wright, Harv Shelton, Nancy Hendricks, Grover Scarborough, Sheena Holley, Phyllis Johannsen

Meeting was call to order at 1:35pm by Susan Clark.

Secretary Report – Kathy Wright

Denise made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 17th Board Meeting. John seconds the motion. Motion passed. It was reported that with the death of Dick Breckon we now have 90 members including the Satellite Club. Discussion started when the resignation of Charles Belt was brought up. Do we terminate him or make him an honorary member? Paul asked if we had any guideline, rules, or criteria for making members honorary. Paul provided information which is attached from the district website on this subject. Susan said she will check this out with Jamie Higgins.

Membership – Phyllis Johannsen (Gone)

No Report

Treasurer's Report – Harv Shelton (Gone)

No Report

Club Administration – Steve Wright (Gone)

Steve sent word that the Change of Gavel Dinner is scheduled with Diamante for June 29th.

Charity Corporation – Sheena Holley (Gone)

No Report

Foundation – Grover Scarborough (Gone)

Grover sent word that \$1,239 dollars came into the foundation in January and to date there is \$7,308 in the foundation. He also noted that he has received word that Kim and Dean Winter are to have received a major donor award with the foundation and something special should be done at a future meeting.

Grants – Corinne White, Paul Bridges

Corinne reported that the Sensory room project is completed; final reports are being done to send into the district so we can receive the last \$1,500 contribution. She also noted that Grant requests are open February 1st through March 31st with the awards going out starting May 1st.

Service Projects – Drew Kahle

Drew reported that the Treat Bag project was completed and that everything was delivered to the area hospitals. He also reported that we had a very successful day with many Rotarians helping with the Covid Shot project. He would like to see an article submitted to the Rotarian magazine with these projects highlighted.

Public Relations – Nancy Hendricks (Gone)

Nancy sent in the following report.

I did newspaper articles this month about the Sensory Room for the Voice and another one for Sentinel-Record, and submitted to Steve Wright for club's Facebook page. Also did press releases for our Spring Grant Cycle. Updated our Club Corner/Community Calendar entries in the Voice to reflect not having meetings in January. I have written an article about Rotary's presence in this state for Encyclopedia of Arkansas. Committee member David Childs & I are going to the new storage unit ASAP to go through old photos, plaques & certificates to determine what to retain for our club history.

Fund Raising – Melanie Pederson

Melanie reported that thanks to Steve the Fund Raising letters have been sent out and can be used for tax purposes. A total of \$7850 was raised. It was noted that Dick Breckon had made a \$1,000 donation before he died.

VP Report – Denise Smith

Denise reported that the Treat Bags have been delivered and thanks everyone who helped.

President Elect – Jack Rueter

Jack reported that no progress has been made on the Golf Ball Drop since the POA has been shut down due to Covid.

Past President - John Weidert

No Report

Old Business/New Business

Cancer Walk - Melanie reported that new co-chairman have been announced for the Village Cancer Walk.

Future Meeting - The subject of resuming meetings was the next order of business. Denise reported that the Arkansas Task Force says we are moving in the right direction but we still need to be cautious at this time. John has graciously offered his basement for virtual meetings. It was discussed if Zoom meeting were a possibility. We need to take into consideration the members and how to get them engaged in the meetings. Are guest speakers willing to come to a virtual or zoom meeting? Also we need to consider Larry's schedule and availability for taping meetings. A motion was made to continue with virtual meetings in John's basement. Denise second and the motion was passed. Susan will get

in touch with Larry to see about his schedule. We will meet at the end of February to re-evaluate this again. As a side note it was decided that classification talks can be held off till we meet in person.

Mother's Day Dinner - Melanie reported that the committee is together and things are in place to hold the Mother's Day Dinner. She is expecting to have a meeting in the near future. We will have either the dinner or the drive by at the Coronado Center, with the chef from the Atrium cooking.

Help with Breckon's - It was reported that Ruth Breckon is in the hospital at this time and no funeral services are being planned at this time for Dick. The Rotary Club will keep in touch and we will help as needed when the time comes.

Arkansas Heritage Festival – Melanie reported that the Rotary has been asked to help with this event which is to be held the last week in August. She will check in with Larry for any further details.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:45

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Subject: RI Criteria for Honorary Membership

Attached is the RI Criteria for honorary membership. It appears to be far more demanding/comprehensive than we have historically treated it. And it also appears to have a specific 'window' on when that designation is awarded.

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