Meeting Notes – Feb. 24, 2021

We did not have a formal program today but we enjoyed a great meal and wonderful fellowship. We spent some time talking about our local Rotary traditions and did a little reminiscing about our history. Dantz remembered his mother cooking for Rotary, and as a child of three or four years of age peeking out the doors and hearing Rotarians sing. Lewis's father was a member "back in the day". Some remembered when meetings were held at the Community Center and upstairs on the second floor of FBC LaFayette. LaFayette Rotary was established in 1937. Most of the history, which was recorded in a notebook, was stolen from Mr. Spence's car when it was broken into several years ago.

Below are some of the traditions we discussed (and for some of us, learned about for the first time) today.

Members are expected to attend. In the past, if you missed you had to spin the roulette wheel and pay the corresponding fine ($0.25-$3.00). We agreed that we wanted to restart this tradition. We are going to check into getting a new wheel and upping the fines, which ranged from $0.25-$3.00 on the old wheel, to $0.50, $1.00, $3.00, $5.00 or Free. Of course, we will have to make arrangements for "excusals" for those unable to attend due to health concerns (such as with COVID). We may also need someone to man the wheel each week and help keep track of who needs to spin! Let us know if you are interested. The money collected goes into the red pig that sits near the wheel and the money collected provides the club with a little cushion for unexpected expenses. You will not need to pay if you make-up the meeting by attending another club's Rotary meeting during the week.

Members are also expected to wear their pins. There is no penalty for not wearing your pin unless your name is pulled for Lucky Dog. If your name is pulled and you don't have your pin, you owe $1.00. You can feed it to the pig.

Members were interested in restarting our 50/50 drawing. Tickets are purchased for a dollar and the winning ticket receives half of the pot. The other half goes back to the club's general fund.

We talked about posting the Four Way Test so it is visible at all meetings.

We discussed reintroducing the singing at each meeting. We will discuss this further when more are in attendance.

We also discussed the dues that were collected and what they were used for.

When we have a quorum, we want to discuss and vote on providing Vision LaFayette with a letter of support from LaFayette Rotary and pledging financial support to the cause. Tied to that pledge of financial support will be the question of whether this is done in addition to or in place of our other philanthropies (Camp ASCAA, Valley Haven, Girls' Ranch, Special Olympics, and Peyton’s Pals).

Congratulations to our own Mr. Owen who was named assistant superintendent for Chambers County Schools! Hope to see you next week!

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Immediate Past President