

ROTARY
Club of Ponte Vedra



Meeting Date and Time: November 9, 2022 6:35 PM

In Attendance: Karen Everett, Sean Smith, Eddie Sarnowski, Bob Wittfong, MaryBeth Murray, Joshua Hull, Andy Erickson, Linda Lomax, Denny Baldwin, Rosemary Lorenz.

Review Of Minutes: Minutes reviewed. Andy Erickson motioned to accept. MaryBeth Seconded. Minutes approved.

Review of Treasurer Report: Remaining money in budget looks good. New America with YMCA - New America with YMCA will get \$500.00 Matching for the month of November. Bill for Paul Harris of \$100.00 per member to Rotary International (RI) Fellow Club will bill on Monday 11/14. Water for Cambodia on target for \$12,000.00.

FOUNDATION FINANCIALS: Money earmarked for the Endowment Fund was moved to a higher interest bearing account, the plan is to move to CD in a few months. Funds in the Endowment Fund is 15,090.00 with Foundation Funds at 6363.00. MaryBeth motioned to accept. Rosemary seconded.

President's Report: New to club President's Office Hours will be LAST Thursday of each month at Greenwise from 6-7:00 pm Venmo information will be placed in the Newsletter QR code for **Happy Dollars**, is on our bucket list. Bob Carlson resigned from the

group due to Red Badge/Ribbon. MaryBeth and Bob made an executive decision regarding Red Ribbon requirements.

- *Correcting DACDB**
- *Join Committee**
- *Attend Board Meeting**
- *Participate in Club Activity**
- *Club Greeter**
- *Attend a District Event**

Based on feedback 1 week before the next Board Meeting, provide a list of adjustments to Governance Docs. January is the deadline. This includes Gift Acceptance guidelines. Looking to get the Board Meeting requirements down to 5 people. Funds used to pay for the last two meetings in December will be used for the Holiday Party.

Secretary Report: Nothing to report.

Membership Report: MaryBeth has visitors from Argentina in December and are the warmest leads for members. Looking at ways to encourage new members on our list. MaryBeth will bring a list of **Potential New Members (PNM)** to the next meeting and we can help with follow-up phone calls and emails.

Community Service Report: Denny gave an update on activities. **Food Drive** in November. Dean headed up and has set up drop locations, which are at these locations: Watson Office, Vystar and the YMCA.

Also in November we will be promoting **Autism Awareness** but no Walk. Jim Huster may do a testimony. He brought up the Open House at Bit of Faith Ranch on 11/30 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Location is on Palm Valley Road.

Blessings in a Back Pack is slated for December - Location to be determined.

For January and February he is looking at a topic related to **Student homelessness**. He has not gotten any follow-up from letters sent. The possibility exists and some follow-up with Port in the Storm is needed. Maybe a Coat Drive. Denny will reach out to Port in the Storm.

Duck Race is final activity.

Denny is looking at the possibility of stand alone activities. He is still waiting on word from Saint Johns County on exercise and water stations.

Programs Report: Karen is providing a list of upcoming events and meetings and socials. December 13th is the Holiday Party. She has Liza Amato scheduled in January.

Old Business: Memo of Understanding (MOU) renewal consideration regarding the Duck Race. Eddie agrees the contract states proceeds from Duck Race provides \$12K from NET goes to Learn to Read and remaining will go to the two other Beneficiaries. They are PORT IN THE STORM and BIT OF FAITH RANCH. Gary to speak with the above three beneficiaries to garner support from them. Follow-up with Gary to find out who is working with the schools.

Update on the Chinotimba School - Linda Lomax is working with them to get the numbers way down. She is looking at approximately \$20K. Andy brought up the Paul Harris Fellowship as building blocks. He explained a process to get 5 members to agree to donate \$200 for 5 years. Previous meeting Bob and Andy agreed to Giving Teams. This means that a team of 5 will donate \$200 for the next 5 years and the

Paul Harris Fellowship award for year 1 would go to one of the 5. The following year the award would go to one of the remaining 4 until the end of the 5 years.

New Business:

Jags game set for January. Headed up by Luis. Bob to talk to Sean on how to pay and method.

UNF Basketball - Everyone needs to sign up and Bob is monitoring. About a week out he will advise on payment.

Rotary Rose Bowl Donation - Bob received a letter asking for a donation from Rotary. Donation amounts start at \$25 and up. Andy motioned to donate \$25 and Rosemary Seconded. Approved. Bob will notify us if anything changes.

Funds for Josh to go to Australia, for RI - Convention in May, as he is the incoming President. Estimated cost is \$5,500. After review with Board Members, we came to the consensus that it would be hard to justify given the size of the club.

Club sponsorship of Nease JROTC Drill Meet in December. We are passing on making a donation.

Rotary Youth Exchange: \$2K commitment fall of 2023. Need three host families to cover for the year. The board needs to determine where we will pull the \$2K from to cover the expense. Rosemary said she would host a student for 3 months so we need 2 other families. Motion by Linda Lomax to approve and Rosemary Seconded.

Meeting Adjourned 8:18 am

Rosemary Lorenz, Secretary

