Rotary Board Meeting November 1, 2021

Start time: 6:07 Location: St. Francis Episcopal

Present:

Board members: D. Linnabary, M. Neels, B Field, F. Huber, J. Kendig, C. Brown, A. Hayes, J. Shively, V. Fleming, E. Ferguson

As nine (9) board members were present, a quorum was achieved.

Meeting was called to order by President Dan Linnabary at 6:07

**Approval of Minutes**

J. Shively moved that we accept the October Minutes as presented; J. Kendig seconded. Motion Carried.

**Social Media**

C. Brown reported that T. Mann was no longer handling our social media due to job requirements. Cindy recommended hiring a third party to manage our website and manage our social media platform. Cyndy suggested using Cindy Brown (no relation) who managed social media for the Goochland Education Foundation (GEF) and also the HEF. Cindy Brown would charge $75/month. It was decided to determine if anyone in the club would volunteer to do this before we enter into an agreement. Cindy was asked to obtain/development a contract agreement for the Board and David Greenberg to review.

**Woodchucking Program**

Woodchucking program is underway. The Goochland Department of Social Services (DSS) provided our program with a $3,000 grant to purchase safety equipment. We have already purchased gloves, goggles, hearing protection etc. An additional $2,500 may be available for 50/50 match to purchase a new wood splitter. We will also look into providing $50 gas cards to reimburse delivery drivers.

To-date we have sold 42 loads of wood, which provided $5,200 gross sales. We delivered 12-15 gratis loads to needy households. A huge pile of oak wood was stolen from the woodyard. We will look into placing a trail camera to observe the woodyard.

**Christmas Mother Program**

The Board approved a $2,000 grant to the Christmas Mother program. The Foundation has to approve.

**Holiday Party**

The Club will tentatively host a Holiday Party at the Richmond Country Club on Wednesday, December 15th. RCC will charge $50 per person for the silver package, which light finger food and beverage. There would be a cash bar. Motion made by F. Huber and seconded by J. Shively to charge members $25/person and the club would pay the difference. Motion carried.

**Littlest Library**

District 7600 provided the club with a mini library to be placed at a remote location for voluntary book exchanges. The library will be placed at Second Union Rosenwald School in the western end of the county. V. Fleming has reached out Second Union Baptist Church, who owns the property for permission. We are waiting for the church leadership to meet and approve the request. The club will install, initially stock and maintain the library.

**Holiday Meals**

The Club previously provided $839 for this program which provided two meals to 15 families; 30 total meals. This amount was deemed insufficient, given the price of food. Motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by F. Huber to increase our contribution to $1,500 ($50 per meal). Motion carried.

**BBQ and Horseshoe Pits**

Goochland Parks & Rec have started purchasing materials; receipts provided to Bonnie. The BBQ area is funded by a District grant. The Horseshoe pits are funded via our Foundation funds. Our Club will install the baskets for the disc golf course. J. Popp is leading this effort and will announce workdays soon.

**Reports**:

President Report: Dan shared that RI is adding an additional Giving Tuesday date, which will be Nov 30th. There may not be a match provided. Dan suggested an

President Elect: Frank advised members to post hours in the Dacdb Engagement Module.

Immediate Past President: DSS has more money available; the Club can ask for more funds. Jay shared that he is forming a committee to identify officers for 22-23.

Secretary: Vern shared his observations from the District Conference and Rotary Learning Institute.

Treasurer: Bonnie provided the treasurer report. J. Shively moved to accept the report, F. Huber seconded, motion carried.

Public Image Chair: Dan suggested an article be written about Goochland Rotary connection to the Goochland Christmas Mother program over the years. At least 4 Club members have been Christmas mothers and Paul Miller was a Christmas mother/dad. As always, more articles are welcome.

Foundation Chair: absent, no report

Membership chair: absent. A friend of Marc Jones, Al, has attended two meetings and expressed interest in joining our Club. He is a classical musician and has offered his talents to the Club.

Club Administration: John K. reported that Nov and Dec speaker schedule is filled.

Sergeant at Arms: Matthew sent attendance report via email. He is counting heads to meetings to verify meals owed to RCC.

Community Services Chair: Andy reported that he is working to transfer signed books to GCPS. He will reach out to J. Raley. He will share the results of the PigSkin rally at the Friday meeting.

Fundraising: absent, no report.

**New Business: None**

**Old Business: None**

**Executive Session: None**

Motion to adjourn was made by F. Huber and seconded by B. Field. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Vernon Fleming

Secretary