Rotary Club of Fairfax Brainstorming Session

December 11th, 2023

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| Topic/Question | Please circle one | | Comments |
| Change order of meeting: | Thumbs up sign outline | Thumbs Down outline |  |
| Have speaker at beginning of meeting | Thumbs up sign outline | Thumbs Down outline |  |
| Would you rather attend a coffee/informal meeting? | Thumbs up sign outline | Thumbs Down outline |  |
| Would you rather do a service project? | Thumbs up sign outline | Thumbs Down outline |  |
| If the meeting was at a different time would you be likely to attend? | Thumbs up sign outline | Thumbs Down outline |  |
| Would you attend a volunteer event instead of a meeting? | Thumbs up sign outline | Thumbs Down outline |  |
| Are you happy with the speakers? | Thumbs up sign outline | Thumbs Down outline |  |
| Are you happy with the current volunteer opportunities? |  |  |  |

John McGeehan comments:

1. Attendance and volunteering are off.  The statement is “Service above self”, but if people are no volunteering or coming to luncheon meetings we are not fulfilling that purpose.  It seems that attendance at the luncheons have 15-20 people MAX!
2. I think at least quarterly members should be informed of what the Club did in the quarter and periodically name the people who volunteered.
3. Some members have said we always are pestering them for money and perhaps we should review that BUT I know other clubs do that more often and where do we stand relative to other clubs.  This also can included Paul Harris recogntions
4. We also must show where our money goes (passing though the Foundation) , e.g. Guatemala, scholarships, teacher of the year, cost of Constitution and dictionaries. etc.
5. This did not work in the past, but members should sit at tables with new members and get to know new members.

Tom Palmer: zoom option for people who can’t attend

Noontime meetings are hardest time to keep people engaged

If you’re not coming to meetings, and you’re not volunteering, why are you in the club?

How do you feel about alternative meeting times? Morning coffee/happy hour. An informal meeting with a focus on selecting service projects.

Any organization that we support should come to a meeting and tell us what they’re doing. They should give us publicity in all of their publications.

-Lamb Center

-Bright Paths

-The ARC of NOVA

3-4 questions

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Key issues to be addressed today: low meeting attendance, and lack of volunteer effort.

Goal: implement changes to improve the club experience and attract more members to meetings and service projects.

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| **Are you open to alternative meeting times? Such as monthly morning coffee meetings, happy hours, etc… These non-standard meetings would be informal, focusing on service.** | | |
| Thumbs up sign outline | Thumbs Down outline | Comments: |
| **Are you satisfied with the speakers? What topics would you like to see more or less of?** | | |
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| **Are you satisfied with the volunteer opportunities and service projects? If not, what service work would you like to do through the club?** | | |
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| **For some meetings, instead of a speaker are you open to performing a mini-service project?** | | |
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Additional feedback/thoughts/suggestions: