**Minutes**

**McLean Rotary Club Board of Directors Meeting**

**January 13, 2015**

**Present**: President Paul Sawtell, Vice President Todd Dempsey, President-elect Lynn Heinrichs, Immediate Past President Dale Lazar, Treasurer Jan Auerbach, Secretary Michael Arietti, Director Membership Dana Sippel, Director Service Bob Jansen, Director Eva Sereghy, Foundation Chair Glenn Yarborough

**Minutes**: Minutes of December 9, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer’s Report**: The Board approved expenditure of $200 to print a small Rotary ad on the carry bags for the Chocolate Festival being provided by the Chamber of Commerce.

**Chocolate Festival**: Committee Chair Jan Auerbach noted that arrangements are in good shape for the Festival. We have changed one vendor and others are still asking to participate. There is still a need for additional volunteers to work at the Festival and more street signs need to be put out.

**Monte Carlo Night**: While the final figure is not yet confirmed, we anticipate the Club will make about $12,500 for the charity fund. This is less than last year.

**Service Projects**: Chair Bob Jansen proposed that the Club assist the SHARE charity, which delivers furniture and other items to the needy. The Club would need around 6 volunteers at a time. The Board agreed this is a project we could support and asked that Bob organize a committee to plan for this activity.

There was a general discussion of the desirability of Club members participating more in “hands-on” service projects and it was agreed that there should be a discussion at a future Club Assembly of how best to encourage Club participation and to identify those projects which Club members are most interested in supporting.

It was noted that the Club already is active in a number of service projects and Bob Jansen was asked to prepare a list of these projects to help guide a future discussion.

There was a brief discussion of McLean Day planning, including the need to sort out whether there is any merit to certain complaints about how the Club managed its food booth in past years.

**Club 50th Anniversary**: Chair Lynn Heinrichs led a discussion of current plans. There is interest in inviting former Club members, as well as District officials and McLean community leaders. The Board agreed it is best to serve hors d’oeuvres, rather than a full dinner.

**Membership:** Chair Dana Sippel emphasized the need to follow up with past visitors to Club meetings to see whether they might become members. He suggested we consider organizing a challenge to Club members to see who could bring in the most new members, with some sort of gift for the winner.