Rotary Board meeting was held via a combination of live and Zoom

In Attendance - Fred Jones, Vicki Lawrence, Ron Winecoff, Dale West, Angela Dills, Teresa Murray and Dana Murray

Meeting started at 8:00.

1. February 2021 Board meeting Minutes were sent out via email, motion to accept the minutes, a 2nd and approval was conducted (sorry but I didn’t catch the names as they were live at the church off camera and I couldn’t hear them).
2. Fundraiser – so far 2 weeks have been agreed to be donated, still looking for 3-4 more (would like a total of 5 per Fred), the donation is not tax deductible, we want to have everything done for this by the end of March so we can start selling tickets.  Discussion was had regarding giving a week to a teacher and a medical person but thoughts were if we don’t have enough vacations weeks donated we would not be able to do that.
3. The Boy Scout Troup that we support has requested to start meeting in person again.  Since the state has begun to lift some of the restrictions it was thought this would be ok.
4. Britney Lofthouse had contacted our club about supporting the Safety Town event which is proposed for April/May timeframe.  Discussion was that this had very limited public participation and funds primarily bought car seats which were given away, While we have given monetary support in the past it was agreed that since we don’t have any District Grant money for this project we will not provide any funding this year.
5. IRS issue – Rotary Club tax preparer did not file the club taxes on time and we received a Penalty/bill of $1,700.  The tax preparer has said they will make this right and has file a Request for 1st time Abatement which was denied, they have re-submitted another Request for Abatement and are currently waiting on an answer to this 2nd request.
6. Leader In Me project at Iotla Valley – This group has begun meeting per our Point of Contact Dawn Westbrook.  They want to try to schedule a Virtual meeting with our Club in March.
7. Upcoming Executive Team for new election year – Angela Dills noted that she is working on this with 2 sticking points right now.  Service Chair (which takes care of both Service Projects & Fund Raising), Beverly Mason has volunteered to take on the Service Project side of it but still need someone to fill the Fund Raising side of it.  Several candidates were mentioned, Hunter Strickland and Bryson Burt have both said they are too busy.  Also with the resignation of Eric Haggert we will have an opening in the Public Image position and since this has occurred to recently we are still exploring possible candidates to chair this position.
8. Ron Winecoff brought up Foundation – Per Ron we have 5 new Paul Harris Fellows, 3 multiple PH Fellows, 1 PH Society Fellow (agrees to donate $1,000/year) which will start in new leadership year.  We lead the District in giving.  Ron also brought up the Rotary structure on the Greenway which is in poor condtion and has been blocked off.  He and Luke Smith are going to go put together a materials list, they have tried to get permission to cut some of the trees around it which appear to be causing the water damage/rot issues and have not gotten permission yet.  Discussion brought up that the Satellite Club wanted to be involved with labor, the possibility of Job Corps participating, the possibility of asking for a District Grant (we would have to wait until next year if we did), also the fact that due to its location away from the parking areas it has been used little if any.
9. Dessert Auction for Polio Plus – this had been postponed due to Covid restrictions but looking at a possible time frame to conduct this event.  Luke and Kristy Smith had volunteered to run this for the Club.
10. Dale West said she was looking into honoring Clyde Phillips with an upcoming event/project.  Clyde was a long term Rotary member who recently had a Silver Alert issued for him (he was found with no issues).
11. Meetings may be held live at the Methodist Church going forward (if members desire to attend Virtually that option will continue).  Providing food was discussed with the thought that this might encourage increased attendance, comments ranged from providing biscuits & gravy, Bojangle biscuits or possibly Mystery donuts and possibly coffee.  No decision was made about food and further discussion will be held out of meeting.

0850 Meeting Adjourned