

**The Rotary Club of Nelson  
Board of Directors Meeting  
May 13th,2024**

**Minutes of Meeting  
5:05 pm**

Present: Norm McCarvell (guest), Jen Cowan, Jeanette McCarvell, Tom Roy, Mark McBride. Note: Quorum not achieved for this meeting.

**Approval of Minutes of January 2024:** Minutes reviewed by those present, no changes needed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Distributed by Jeanette via email earlier. Jeanette reviewed our finances and success of recent fundraisers (paper shredding event, and Mother's Day flowers).

**Old Business:**

**Rotary Coffee Meeting:** The April coffee meeting at A&W went well, with about 12 Rotarains attending. The next session will be May 26<sup>th</sup> at A&W.

**New Business:**

**Summer Meetings: Norm McCarvell**

Norm has been in contact with Shawn at the Hume regarding our summer schedule. Norm acknowledges the difficult relationship we have with the Hume, and is working to better the relationship. We have asked for the summer (July and August) off from the Hume, to have meetings in the Rotary Lakeside Park. Shawn has responded with the Club taking June, July, August, and September. Clearly, this does not meet the Club's needs. Norm will continue to work with Shawn to get the schedule worked out. He will report back to the Board.

**Archiving Past Rotary Documents**

Tom has noted that the boxes of old documents are now at the 12 mile storage. This has proved to be cheaper than the previous location (now \$84/mo), and the smaller size fits our files adequately. Norm has been in contact with JP at the Touchstones, and has been given guidance in the process for archiving of materials. JP will help guide the Club with archiving, with Norm needing 2-3 interested members providing help. Norm expects the cost of archiving (materials, etc.) to cost in the range of \$400-800, and will require a year. We will need to continue the rental storage locker for this time. After the archiving is done, the materials can be donated to Touchstones, where it will be stored appropriately. The Club will still have access to the archived material. Mark will email the Board with a motion to approve the rental of the storage locker for 1 year, and approve archiving costs to the extent of \$400-800.

**Prospective Member Meal Cost**

Jennifer raised the issue of cost of meals for prospective members. Currently, prospective members pay the same \$30 about meal fee as regular members and guests. In an effort to enhance recruitment of new members, Jennifer proposes we offer a lower meal cost (say \$15) for prospective members, until they sign up (or decline membership). Discussion took place, and it was noted that this initiative would not cost the Club much (estimate about \$250 per year). There was a general consensus of support, but this

needs the full participation of the Board. Mark will email the Board with the proposal and a motion, Board members will respond via email with their vote.

### **Mother's Day Flowers**

Jennifer and Jeanette have proposed that, they (with Nancy) take over organizing this event. Nancy did a great job with this event, but the three have come up with a number of ways to improve the organization and running of this event. Currently, Ainsley and John oversee this event. Discussion took place, and there was agreement that Ainsley and John are busy with a number of Club events, and may welcome the shift to Nancy, Jennifer, and Jeanette. Tom will check with Ainsley and John regarding this change.

### **Sunshine Committee**

It was noted that Roland's mother has passed. The Club does need to send Roland a basket.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:40pm