**MEETING LOCATION SMB Community Building**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Board Members present:**

**Robert Reaves**

**Jennifer Shotwell**

**Chad Brueckner**

**Vicky Mieseler**

**Nathan Hicks**

**Kim Shriver**

**Wally Bloss**

**Robin McAlester**

**Duane Dreiling**

**Robert Carlson**

**Beverly Block**

**Charlie Keeter**

**Other club members present:**

**(Board Members not present listed in RED)**

Meeting was called to order by Robert Reaves

* **Consent Agenda** – Robert Reaves
  + Robert presented Minutes from the last meeting. Minutes were approved.
* **Club Administration Committee:** Jennifer Shotwell
  + **Weekly Programs**: Stephanie Brady/Robert Reaves
    - Booked through part of July.
    - Vicky, Robert, Sid and Stephanie are sharing programming responsibilities
      * Next year will be Vicky, Stephanie
    - Feedback on programs is positive, enjoy offsite
  + **Sculpture Garden**: Bob Headlee (presented by Jennifer and Wally)
    - Turtle has been placed. Soroptimists are looking at the site for their abstract sculpture
    - Sip and Stroll had a nice attendance. They have a Friends of the Park Membership.
  + **Rotarian of the Year**: Jennifer Shotwell.
    - Committee will start meeting and sending out nomination forms. Deadline is May 30th. Presentation is June 20th.
* **Membership Committee:** Nathan Hicks
  + **New Member Orientation:** Nathan Hicks
    - 3 new members- 2 former Rotarians
    - Have 2 ready or almost ready for Blue Badge
  + **Public Relations:** Robert Carlson
* **Finance Committee:** (Treasurer) Charles Keeter
  + **RI Foundation:** Audie Dennis (reported by Charlie)
    - Committee has been meeting for EREY.
    - Working on some cleanup.
    - Board has been contacting those who had not yet participated this year
  + **Community Fund:** Scott Belden (presented by Charlie)
    - Balance of account reviewed.
    - Board Election held. All 3 re-elected (Keeter, Headlee and Belden)
    - Working on Grant Awards, Meeting 5/23 to discuss
  + **Financial Reports**
    - **Operating Account: $11,720.20**
    - **Community Fund: $15,658.78**
    - **Investment Account: $192,345.44 as of March 31st.**
* **Service Committee**: Kim Shriver
  + **International:** Sid reported due to unrest in Haiti, RI has pulled out of the country indefinitely. They are working on establishing wheelchair repair in Mexico
  + **Community Projects**: Duane Dreiling
    - Bright Futures Snack Pack program- 4 volunteered 5/2/24 for over 600 packs. Rotary volunteered 3 times this year. Will be put on the schedule for next school year.
    - Building Bridges meal- have done for several years. Sid is unable to head up anymore and Nancy is no longer in charge. Discussed changing this support to Children’s Haven, or find someone else to head this project up. Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to serve (not prepare) lunches. Serve M-F Noon to 12:45pm. Meal is already set unless Rotary wants to help prepare with Salvation Army help with ingredients. Easily accommodates 4- 8 people to volunteer.
    - Duane and Jennifer will meet to put together some ideas for service projects. Notify Club we will be ending Building Bridges unless someone volunteers to take over.
  + **Youth Services**: Chad Brueckner (reported via email)
    - **RYLA**: Scott Belden
      * **Scheduled in the fall**
    - **Interact/Rotaract**: Chad Brueckner
      * **Rotaract**-
        + I met with Brad H. to discuss the status and future plans for the Rotaract Club (Lion Ambassadors).  I found out that the students are no longer under the purview of Brad's office, and are actually part of Dr. Van Galen's office.  So, I will be planning a lunch with Dr. Van Galen during the summer to discuss the Rotaract Club.  However, Brad agreed that due to the changes to the fees (dues now required) and recording requirements of the Rotaract Club, it is likely that University will ask to disband the Rotaract Club.  More to follow.
      * **Interact**-
        + Opening and presentation of the Butterfly Garden has been postponed until August 29th due to the Golf Tournament being rescheduled.
        + They submitted a grant application to the Community Fund
    - **Dictionary Project**: Lori Smith – no report
    - **4 Way Speech Contest**: Brad Hodson (by Robert Reaves)
      * Winners spoke today at the meeting.
    - **Adopt A School**- Nathan
      * Jefferson Elementary- The last lunch was provided on May 2nd and it was a smashing success.  The amount of Rotarian participants this past year was phenomenal.  Our next lunch will take place in September 2024.
* **Old Business:**
  + **Board Election Results**
    - **Emailed to Board and announce results in CHATS**
  + **Miracle League Lunch- Moved to May 18 due to rain and then cancelled**
    - Sid offered to pay for the food and have it donated
    - Generated ideas to use the food supplies
    - Charlie suggested giving away chips at golf tournament, water also if Twin Hills will allow.
    - Sell at a Third Thursday event or Empire Market to raise money for Foundation and raise visibility of Rotary. Jennifer will check with Lori Hahn if there is a vendor opening
* **New Business:**
  + **Joint Meeting with Soroptimist 5/23/24**
  + **Installation Meeting 6/27/24**
  + **District Governor visit 7/18/24** 
    - **Board will meet with Warren at 11am that day.**
    - **Next Meeting Date- June 13, 2024**
    - **Adjourn**

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