**MEETING LOCATION Elks Lodge**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Board Members present:**

**Jennifer Shotwell**

**Chad Brueckner**

**Nathan Hicks**

**Robert Reaves**

**Charlie Keeter**

**Wally Bloss**

**Kim Shriver**

**Robin McAlester**

**Duane Dreiling**

**Laura Land**

**Robert Carlson**

**Matthew Robertson**

**Sandy Hughes**

**Other club members present: Bob Headlee**

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

Meeting was called to order by Jennifer Shotwell

* **Consent Agenda** – Jennifer Shotwell
	+ Jennifer presented Minutes from the last meeting. Minutes were approved.
* **Club Administration Committee:** Chad Brueckner
	+ **Weekly Programs**: Stephanie Brady/Vicky Mieseler/Robert Carlson
		- Booked through beginning of March and a few in April/May
		- Stephanie (July-Oct), Vicky (Nov- Feb), Robert Carlson (Mar-June)
	+ **Sculpture Garden**: Bob Headlee
		- The 2 Rotary sculptures have been landscaped and completed updates
		- New Sculpture- The Miner- sculpture artist delayed due to medical, foundry also delayed. Hoping for install in February
	+ **Rotarian of the Year**: Jennifer Shotwell/Chad Brueckner
	+ **Public Relations:** Robert Carlson
		- Discussion held regarding misconceptions of Rotary, sharing the purpose, appealing to broader base of demographics.
		- Identify someone as a webmaster and possibly bring social media current (Tik Tok, Instagram, etc)
* **Membership Committee:** Nathan Hicks
	+ **New Member Orientation:** Bob Headlee and Nathan Hicks
		- Waiting on a red badge and a blue badge inductions
		- New application going out today to another
* **Finance Committee:** (Treasurer) Charles Keeter
	+ **RI Foundation:** Audie Dennis (reported by Charlie)
		- Rotary Direct for matching points going on in November
	+ **Community Fund:** Scott Belden
	+ **Golf Tournament (reported by Jennifer Shotwell)**
		- Twin Hills is changing their event fee structures and charging more for Wed-Sun
		- Lori spoke with TH and they have Tuesday, May 13th open. Board approved.
		- Still have regular Meeting on May 15th. Need Rain date for Tournament
	+ **Fundraising**
		- Still possibly looking for a fundraising chair- Table until registration complete
		- Discussion regarding purpose/intent of fundraising, money allocation, etc and discussion held regarding registration with the state (see below Old Business)
		- Need for additional funds to supplement Operating Fund
	+ **Financial Reports**
		- **Operating Account: $21,870.19**
		- **Community Fund: $2,103.78**
		- **Wells Fargo CF Account $191,722.88**
* **Service Committee**: Kim Shriver
	+ **International:** Sid Davis
		- March 2025 will be the next trip to Mexico. Sid’s goal is to have 20 wheelchairs sponsored
	+ **Community Projects**: Duane Dreiling
		- Building Bridges dinner was November 7th
		- Bright Futures Snack Packing was November 6th.
	+ **Youth Services**: Chad Brueckner
		- **RYLA**: Scott Belden
			* RYLA held in October, presented at a weekly meeting
		- **Interact/Rotaract**: Chad Brueckner
			* **Rotaract**-
				+ No update
				+ If anyone knows of any college campus that may be a possibility to begin a Rotaract program
			* **Interact**-
				+ Quite a number of students. They are working with One Joplin to create a health initiative. Working to arrange a meeting between them and the school administration. New sponsor will be needed due to retirement.
				+ Garden is ever expanding
		- **Dictionary Project**: Sandy Hughes
			* Dictionaries delivered over past 2 months. Well received and generated so much excitement.
		- **4 Way Speech Contest**: Brad Hodson
			* Chad will follow up with Brad to see if he will chair this year.Club would like to participate.
		- **Adopt A School**- Nathan Hicks
			* Jefferson Elementary- Lunches with Golden Goodies has been a great change from fast food. The kids are really enjoying it.
* **Old Business:**
	+ Grant Reporting: RYLA, DICTIONARY- Submitted for reimbursement
	+ Pin Oak- DG Warren wants pic of our tree when planted. Robert Carlson is to get pic
	+ Wreath Fundraiser- pick up at 11/21 meeting
	+ MO Statutes- The club is not registered as a non-profit. It has not been required because we do not solicit donations outside of the club, other than an exchange for service item. Discussion held about benefit of being registered (cost of $15). Chad will be visiting with other older or larger clubs/district about it. Chad will have more information for the next board meeting. Follow up from Chad: Other clubs are registered; wreath fundraiser may be in gray area without being registered. Discussion held about pursuing registration, but possibly waiting until fiscal year change for reporting purposed. Chad agreed to meet with Bob Headlee, District Finance Committee and develop a plan to proceed.
	+ Nathan and Chad are in the District Leadership Academy- Strategic Visioning held a few years ago. Introduce thoughts to participate again in the future and plan towards, but currently, pull up the past document developed and review/revisit
* **New Business:**
	+ District 6110 Youth Exchange Program- Jennifer presented information from her zoom meeting this past weekend. They have 4 candidates applying this year. Jennifer explained process and club’s commitment required for time, financial and personal investment. Board expressed many varied concerns about lack of information, short time table, requirements, varied financial commitments, how it was approached. Board motioned and failed to participate at this time. Club will be willing to consider further in the future with more and clear information and advanced notice to plan.
		- **Next Meeting Date- January 16, 2025**
		- **Adjourn**

*Prepared by: Sarah Withrow, Rotary Club of Joplin*