**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, Shawn Patterson**

**(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
    - Soroptimists are dedicating their statue Monday, Sept 16th at Noon.- The Shape of a Woman
    - Henry Robertson approved the clay model for his Miner sculpture. The foundry is very far behind. It may be January before it is ready for installation.
    - City has installed lights along the concrete paths and several electrical poles for larger events
    - The city is expecting 100 Christmas trees at the park this year. There will be vendors – hot chocolate, lemonade, etc
  + **Rotarian of the Year**: Jennifer Shotwell/Chad Brueckner
  + **Public Relations:** Robert Carlson
    - Interact Club just presented on Living Well
    - Robin McAlester will appear in October to discuss the Wreath Fundraiser.
* **Membership Committee:** Nathan Hicks
  + **New Member Orientation:** Bob Headlee (reported by Nathan)
    - Shawn Patterson is ready to do Blue Badge
    - There are 2 Red Badge working towards Blue Badge
* **Finance Committee:** (Treasurer) Charles Keeter
  + **RI Foundation:** Audie Dennis (reported by Charlie)
  + **Community Fund:** Scott Belden
  + **Golf Tournament**
  + **Fundraising**
  + **Financial Reports**
    - **Operating Account: $21,744.33**
    - **Community Fund: $2,951.78**
* **Service Committee**: Kim Shriver
  + **International:** Sid Davis
    - No updates currently
  + **Community Projects**: Duane Dreiling
    - Building Bridges dinner is November 7th
    - Bright Futures Snack Packingwill be November .
  + **Youth Services**: Chad Brueckner
    - **RYLA**: Scott Belden
      * Letters sent to schools. 2 Schools have responded. Will follow up.
    - **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**-
        + Opening and presentation of the Butterfly Garden has been postponed again due to the school. It will need to be rescheduled
        + They were on the Living Well program in September
        + Looking at beginning a Healthy Snacks program
    - **Dictionary Project**: Sandy Hughes
      * Dictionaries will be delivered to us tomorrow
      * Flyer for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library will be going home with the 3rd graders for younger siblings age 0-5.
      * Chad mentioned that the One Joplin and United Way Little Blue Bookshelf free books as awareness of ongoing literacy efforts locally
    - **4 Way Speech Contest**: Brad Hodson (by Robert Reaves)
    - **Adopt A School**- Nathan Hicks
      * Jefferson Elementary- First Lunch of the school year held 9/5. Working with Golden Goodies for more cost effective and nutritious lunch
* **Old Business:**
* Elks Lodge meeting place- fully executed agreement with Elks and Golden Goodies. Thank you to Chad Brueckner for his work.
  + Feedback on meals- make salad a separate station, larger holders for toppings.
  + Attendance is up, raffle ticket purchases are up, people are socializing more, people are enjoying the variety of meal options.
  + Discussed gooseneck microphone holder purchase for podium
  + Still reaching out to see about installing our “Rotary Meets Here” plaque
* **New Business:**
  + District Grants-Jennifer applied for $3000 to cover Dictionary Project and RYLA
  + Pin Oak Tree from DG Warren- Robert Carlson will be planting at Miracle Field, picture to district FB page
  + Fundraiser- Christmas Wreath- Robin stated prices are the same, shipping will be a little cheaper due to storage location. Run for only 2 weeks. November 21st will be pick up at the meeting. They have to be ordered in cases of 5 each. Laura Land will be co-chairing.
  + 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.
    - **Next Meeting Date- November 14, 2024**
    - **Adjourn**

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