**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**

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