**Prince George Rotary Board Meeting Minutes**

**September 6, 2022**

Present: Dana Rieves, Carol Woodward, Chana Amaro, Pat Hale, Brian Manning, Lillian Boyd, Jan Rowley, Cynthia Mitchell, Donna Street

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Cynthia Mitchell, Club President.

Minutes

The minutes of the August 17, 2022 meeting distributed by Dana Rieves prior to the meeting were reviewed. Chana Amaro made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Brian Manning, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer’s Report ending August 31, 2022 was distributed by Alisa Skipper prior to the meeting. The report was reviewed by the board. The ending balance as of August 31, 2022 was $5,662.44. Brian Manning made a motion to review the minutes as presented, seconded by Chana Amaro, motion carried.

Public Image

Chana Amaro presented the board with two names that she would like to add to The James House corporate membership. Those are Lili Quintana and Deloris Jefferson. Each corporate membership allows for a primary and three alternate members. Presently The James House only has a primary and one alternate. Lili and Deloris will be added.

There was discussion on books for the Little Library. Chana is keeping up with the Little Library and will get books from the library or from member donations as needed.

Youth Services

Pat Hale talked to Mr. Ford at Prince George High School about reenergizing Interact. Mr. Ford is excited and fired up. He told Pat that Interact students had visited a nursing home and that was received very well by both the students and the residents. Tables will be set up at the high school on September 12, 13 and 14 for student recruitment. Club volunteers are needed to help. Information on Interact is needed to hand out.

Programs

Lillian Boyd passed on that the presenter for the next regular meeting has covid and will not be able to present in person. He will do his presentation via Zoom. Lillian will continue to notify members a month ahead of time of their responsibility for obtaining a speaker according to the club calendar.

Membership

Brian Manning discussed moving forward with the family membership category. There are two couples interested. We also need to get in touch with former members and try to get them back in the fold.

Rotary Foundation

The club is doing well at this point in the Rotary year. The Annual Fund is in excess of $2000 and Polio Plus is at $300. The club will be celebrating World Polio Day on October 26th with an End Polio Now fundraiser at Luca Italian Restaurant. Once again, Luis and Carmen Pedrazza, owners of Luca’s, have agreed to donate 10% of profits all day long to the End Polio Now fund. Colleen Bonadonna, District 7600 Lieutenant Governor and District Polio Committee Chair, will be the speaker at the regular club meeting on September 21st.

Grant

Brian Manning passed on that we have received the district grant check. FOLAR (Friends of the Lower Appomattox River) have gotten additional grant funds for the Prince George site. The grant might need to be revised to spend all the funds.

Club Foundation

Brian Manning is working with Lisa Crowder, Treasurer of the Charitable Foundation, to develop a spreadsheet of past donors to use for the 2023 Scholarship Picnic. There will be a Charitable Foundation meeting after the regular club meeting on September 21st.

Service Projects

Donna Street discussed the Back to School Fair. It went well with several club members volunteering in various capacities. The weather was good for the event. Information on adding another Little Library is still being gathered.

Miscellaneous

There was discussion on having a fundraiser at the Swift Creek Mill Playhouse. A possible date of May 31st was proposed.

Care Cart-Kayla Hill, who has requested funds to stock a cart at NB Clements with food items for underprivileged students in need, sent pictures of the cart. She has okayed putting Rotary Club signage on the cart. She is willing to speak to the club to explain the need. She also said setting up a recurring delivery from Amazon by setting up something through Amazon Smiles would be fine. The cart serves about 30 students.

First Responder Day will be celebrated at the Farmer’s Market on September 10th. The club has already donated four gas gift cards that were approved in a previous board meeting. The club will not have a table but will be good if volunteers wear Rotary shirts, hats, etc. for visibility.

Work is in progress on setting up a fundraiser with Boulevard Flower Garden.

Animal Shelter- There will be an adoption event at the Prince George Animal Shelter in which the club will be a partner for the event. Carol Woodward is asking for two $50 cash cards for raffles for the event. Dana Rieves made a motion to approve the purchase of two $50 cash cards for the event, seconded by Donna Street, motion carried.

Rotary Room Lease-The lease documents for the Rotary Room at the Central Wellness Center have been signed, notarized and returned to the Prince George County lawyer. The only change was that the room may be used by the county for an emergency.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dana Rieves, Club Secretary