Rotary Board Meeting Minutes – July 17th 2024

In Attendance: Della, Joan, Bob, Randy, Richard, Ginny, Chelsey, Sarah, Duncan, Paul, Emma
Regrets: Najam

Amendment Agenda: Environmental Action

Approval of Minutes:

- Bob moved. Duncan seconded.

<u>Director Reports</u>

International Services:

- Peace Pole - someone ripped off the pride sticker (getting this replaced)
    - Bench is also there but signs are needed - Bob shared mockups at the meeting
    - Cost for the signs will be approximately $2000 and this will come from international budget
    - Joan mentioned that we need to make sure we have the proper Rotary brand info
- Comfort Cabinet - This is in the library and provides personal items for those in need.
    - 2500 personal care items have been distributed
    - Bob made motion to maintain the comfort cabinet for one year. The cost is $5400 for our half.
        - Joan seconded the motion
        - All in favor
- Bob will also work on international projects once the budget is approved

Della brought up an item for International

- Rotary bulletin from Stephanie that she wants clubs to promote Peace this year
- This would be under Bob's international services and Bob will review this
    - Della and Duncan will share the bulletin with Bob

Club Updates

- Bingo - last 6 months have been the strongest since the pandemic - summer will slow down but the fall should pick up
    - In search of an Executive Director for Bingo- and the person that was doing it is not there anymore
    - Job Description is needed so we can fill the job description
        - Need to specifically understand what Craig was doing
    - Recommendations from the subcommittee will come back to the Board
- Emma will reach out to Craig to get more information
    - And she will look over the job description

- **Weekly chair ideas - getting a list a few months in advance**
    - Chelsey is just organizing the speakers

    - Joan is collecting a list of the people that want to volunteer
    - Duncan will reach out to members to get them to get a roster of chairs and share that
- **Zoom –** We would like to have zoom meetings offered for the lunch meetings but we need to make sure it works each time
- **Social media** - Joan is doing a great job!
- **Meeting list of upcoming meetings to be sent out to the members**

New Generations
- Not a lot of updates right now
- Vivian made it home yesterday
- Connor gets back this Friday
- Richard will be returning the youth exchange committee for updates

Joan
Committee list - there have been some changes
- Board members all received a copy
- Joan needs us to fill in the gaps and needs this done by August
- This will then go out to the membership
- New member will help with pictures and is eager to help out
    - Joan is adding time commitment
    - And will add what time of year the volunteer opportunity is happening at

Last year strive - final report is needed and this has been done
- Waiting for Rotary international to finalize the funding and they have a new formula and will keep us posted

Della to resend the operational plan

We should have a meeting dedicated to Youth Parliament. And make a big deal of the awards that are given out

Community service - Richard
- Wes is working on the parade stands
    - He will be looking for volunteers
    - Chelsey to send out an email asking for volunteers
    - Parade is Friday 16th
- Float update - Royalty is taking over the float for 2024 (taking care of picking it up)

Easter Seal - Cheryl Ann
Member Services - Della passed along an email - retention and recruitment of members
- Will be looking for ideas to encourage more to join

Paul -
- Paul has called a few people to pay membership

Environmental Action - Ginny

ESRAG - Ginny has joined this group and will receive their newsletter

- They also have a lot of events and awards
- Clubs can apply to the awards and will work to set us up to receive the bronze award
- They also have a climate action handbook
- We are part of the Eastern North American Division
- Monthly division meetings - and the next one will be a project in Eastern North American Divisions

  Speakers - AI impacts
    - George Butters is an IT specialist

Emma - Updates

- Will share proposed operational budget
- ED needs to be added for Bingo
- Got the bookkeep completed for June
- Bingo sales - $490k
    - Profits from last year $150k
- We are not in a loss for the general (which is great!)

We need to review a report on the dollar amount owed by Sobeys for Bingo card sales at Needs locations.

Emma will add the numbers to the operational plan and circulate that to the team

Project Search - Bob Brooks emailed asking how much is available for a larger project

- We probably have $200-300k for a larger project
- We need deadlines
- Order of operation:
    - Understand the needs
    - Ask for items

Leave this with Richard for now

We need to send the survey to the Membership

July 24th - Presidents meeting and Della will share updates

Save the date - October 19th 9:30-3:30pm at the library - Sarah to send to the members

Send Della the Bio

Meals will be addressed at another meeting

Next board meeting Wed August 21st

Meeting adjourned.