

OKM Rotary Board Meeting

9th November 2015

Present:

Irma, Ross, Monika, Steve, Iain

Agenda:

1. Call to order and confirmation of agenda

2. Treasurer's report: Monika - any further recommendations

Monika reviewed her budget report to the club as per our secretary's meeting minutes.

Cheques will be issued as follows:

i) Salvation Army \$1000.00

ii) Restor \$2000.00

iii) Bright Horizons Campaign (Okanagan College – see below) \$2000.00

Iain reported that matching grants may be available from various Rotary sources and he will be in touch with Kathy Butler to discuss.

Iain will confirm the address and payee for Restor and Bright Horizons donations.

3. Secretary's report: Ross

No further correspondence in addition to that reported at the meeting, but Ross did bring our attention to a possible project with Casorso School. He has met the Principal and recommends we ask him to address the club with a proposal that we participate in a literacy program aimed at increasing vocabulary and reading skills of the elementary pupils. In this way not only does our club get engaged with an excellent hands on project within our community, it also will likely attract new members from the parents of the families we help.

Ross also reported on the COBS (Central Okanagan Bursary Society) which has administered bursaries for the last several years in conjunction with the Wally Engbrecht memorial bursary. It has previously been discussed that as the funds in the Trust account have dwindled to around \$11,000.00, that they be paid out until the account is exhausted and then the project be re-established if the club wants to continue with it. The bursaries are currently \$550.00 annually and it was agreed that they be increased to \$1500.00 per applicant

4. Salvation Army Kettles and Festival of Lights

Irma will manage the signup sheets for both events.

5. Club Goals for 2015 – 2016: progress in establishing our goals.

Iain had covered our progress at our regular meeting with his President's report card presentation. Currently our deficiencies are:

- i) No President Elect for 2016-2017
- ii) Good progress with fundraising and our predicted income from Rotary Radio Days and comfortable current bank balance will allow us to reach the “Worthy Causes” donations we outlined at the beginning of the year. However a policy was unanimously adopted by the Board that further charitable donations will be made available only when further \$ are raised from our future fundraising efforts. We do have a comfortable bank balance in excess of our annual Budget, but do not want to deplete our funds by making charitable donations imprudently.

6. Club Growth strategy – new member campaign?

In previous Board meetings it was discussed that we might be better served by direct recruitment of business owners in the Mission area, but after discussion it was generally agreed that we might be better served by attracting new members through our success in fundraising and community projects. Our most recent recruit was attracted to join us after attending our Trivia night, both by the realization that we were supporting worthy causes, but also we were having fun doing it.

7. Fellowship on the Fifth event 30th November: Options??

Secretary Ross will organize this evening event with an evening at “Chances” Bongo and Cason being the front runner. Details will follow at our next meeting on November 23rd.

8. Club Christmas Dinner:

Our club Christmas dinner will be on the Monday 14th December at Creekside Pub and Grill. Spouses, family and friends are all welcome. Secretary Ross will organize the dinner. Lizann and Lois (Thanks Lois!) will be asked to organize a fun present exchange: the format will be a stealing/gift exchange, but all couples attending will also be asked to bring a toy gift for a child. Details to follow closer to the date of the event.

9. Rotary Leadership Institute - Irma

Irma reported on her excellent experience at the RLI weekend seminars and urged any members who want to know more about Rotary to attend future meetings.

10. Future Speakers – Carli Gruber Exchange student who visited Ecuador, Mayor Basran, RCMP Superintendent, Burns Supper.

The Board hope to ask the Casorso Principal to speak at our 11th January meeting and we would also hope to include Carli Gruber Rotary Exchange student on her trip to Ecuador. As our second meeting in January is on Robert Burns Day, Iain will coordinate a “Burns supper a la OKM Rotary” with guest

speaker. In February we will plan on having a spousal appreciation Valentines night on 8th February with Ken Kilcullen hosting OKM Rotary's version of the "Newly Wed Game".

11. Club "Hands-on" project

Several options were discussed including Strathcona Park and also an initiative to take back our city parks from drug dealers, and help those unfortunate Homeless people who need shelter where no alternative exists. Currently we have a hands-on project with the Festival of Lights both in manning the project and helping with construction and take down. A future initiative has yet to be determined but we are working towards identifying something where we feel our efforts will be most beneficial.

12. Foundation: Steve –

The club seems to be on track with our Foundation contributions, and members will be encouraged to contribute \$ as the RI foundation does direct our funds to extremely worthwhile causes worldwide.

13. New Generations Committee:

Steve recommended that we channel \$ from our NGC budget to the Okanagan College Trade School initiative (Bright Horizons) as we could designate the \$ for Youth Literacy projects as outlined by Kathy Butler. Further disbursements will be recommended by the NGC when the club has successfully raised more \$ through Rotary Radio Days.

14. Date of next meeting: 11 January 2016

15. Adjournment