

# OKM Rotary Board Meeting

27<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**Present:**

Ross, Monika, Steve, Lois, Laurie, Ken, Iain

**Agenda:**

**1. Call to order and confirmation of agenda:**

See below under item 10.

**2. Treasurer's report: Monika and Ken**

Review of the process of developing the annual budget. Monika and Ken to collaborate in developing the operating budget for the 2015 – 2016 year. Ken was recognized both for his yeoman efforts over recent years (since 2000 or before) and for registering all active members for this year with Rotary International.

**3. Secretary's report: Ross**

No correspondence to report

**4. Trivia night event organization;**

Lois to head the committee with Rita, Laurie and Iain. Other potential members were discussed. Lois to contact further members nominated by the Board.

Conflicts with other functions during October were discussed, but we must make our best effort to make the event a success as our opportunities to change the date are too limited.

Lois will call a committee meeting before the 24<sup>th</sup> August so we can have a plan of action in place before the next Board meeting.

**5. Club Goals for 2015 – 2016: establishing a process to outline what they will be.**

Discussions centred around the "wish-list" developed by club members at the BBQ earlier this month. We may need in excess of \$20,000.00 to reach our goals.

After much discussion, it was felt impractical to plan more than 2 major fundraising events to support our goals for this Rotary year, and they will be the Trivia evening and Rotary Radio Days.

Iain will recommend we form a committee early on to initiate planning for this event. A letter of appreciation will be sent to all who contributed last year to ensure they are all informed of what their donation dollars supported.

**6. Club Growth strategy – “internal marketing” as a start**

Iain and Ross reviewed the club questionnaire “Preparing our club to grow” and explained how it could be very effective in increasing club morale and member commitment. We decided to include the survey at our next meeting. Iain to introduce the survey during his “Presidents comments” at the start of the evening, and discussion groups to complete the survey in the 15 minutes before dinner is served. Results of the completed survey to be announced at the end of the meeting, and changes recommended by the club members initiated immediately.

**7. Fellowship on the Fifth event 31<sup>st</sup> August**

Two options discussed were KGH visit and John Schlosser’s Model Railway visit prior to dinner with spouses. Lois to find out details of a possible KGH visit and Iain to sound out John Schlosser. Decision on what we plan for the evening to be made before the 10 August meeting.

**8. “Guess who’s coming to dinner” event in October**

Tabled to next meeting when hopefully Chris and/or Howard will be in attendance.

**9. Festival of Lights – Ross**

Ross reviewed the preparations for next December’s FOL and what we would be expected to cooperate with. We need to be committed to the project and offer more manpower/women power to help this coming season.

**10. Additional Agenda Items:**

**Speaker recognition:** Lois raised the question of speaker recognition.

Discussion supported reinstating donations to Project Literacy as in the past. Laurie to contact our speaker for 24<sup>th</sup> August to ask for information on how we might best reinstate the program we previously had adopted.

**Community Garden Project:** Iain outlined a possible “hands-on” project where we take on a plot at a community garden in the Mission area and raise produce for either the Salvation Army, Food Bank or Gospel Mission. He will bring a proposal to the next Board meeting.

**Central Okanagan Bursary:** Ross outlined the issue with this memorial fund as we are now depleting the principal due to low interest rates available at this time. We need to revisit this project to ensure it remains sustainable.

**Get to Know:** Laurie to outline a proposal regarding this program to the Board at a future meeting.

**Stove Team International:** Iain outlined this program which establishes manufacture and distribution of basic coking stove on Third World countries to replace open cooking fires. We hope to develop such a program for Ethiopia as Restor has found such a high incidence of children suffering from severe burn injuries as a result of accidents with open cooking fires. Iain will forward details to Laurie who recommended we consider a joint project with a UK Rotary club in developing an initiative in Ethiopia.

**Foundation:** Rita contacted Irma with a suggestion on how we could encourage regular contributions from members at each meeting. Steve outlined how this form of contribution may be difficult and time consuming to administer and will address the club on an alternative approach,

**OC Trade School Campaign Visit:** Monika suggested we could arrange a site visit to view the building plans and hear details of what is being proposed. Hopefully Dinner to follow at the Culinary Program restaurant. Iain to contact Dennis to discuss.

**Matching Grants:** We may be able to increase our funding to Restor, the KGH Foundation and the OC Trade School campaign by RI matching grants. Iain to contact Kathy Butler to see if she would be willing to help us.

**Halloween Maze:** This year we are not going to take part, although it did raise our profile in the community last year. If we are to include this as one of our Community projects then we have to start planning in the April prior to ensure all the necessary administrative permits with the city etc. are in place. We will review this project in November and determine if it is to be one of our projects in the 2016 – 2017 year.

**Joint Programs with other clubs:** One of our objectives is to increase our cooperation and support of local clubs as we all benefit from this approach. Our work with the Festival of Lights is one, and we should explore other options in the near future, including any opportunity to work with Rotaract.

#### **11. Date of next meeting**

24<sup>th</sup> August after our regular meeting has concluded.

#### **12. Adjournment**