



Cowbell – May 8, 2017

Present: Bob B., Lisa B., Alex C., Angela C., Melissa C-K., Pam D., Donna G., Rhonda H., Don I., Paul K., Harold L., Mary M., Lou M., Bruce N., Bob S., Ian S., Bob T., Shelley V., Brenna W., Matt W., Rhoda W., Robert L.

Absent: Alaina A., Don D., Cindy D., Jeff F., Erik H., Blair H., Ed K., Greg K., Robert K., Alaina L., Cecile M., Julie M., Tina M., Teresa O., Sheri S., Jason T.

Guest - Roger Albert, former Sussex Rotarian now Dieppe Rotary Club member.

Rotary Minute - Shelley complimented everyone for the work that was done to make Thursday night's Dinner and Auction such a success. The organization, food, prizes, games, and speakers were of excellent quality. Melissa reported that RBC is helping to buy CJ, a client of Crosswinds, an authentic sports jersey. The "hat was passed around" at the meeting to help with the cause.

Introduction of Guest Speaker – Angie Cummings

Guest Speaker – Rev. Don Ingersoll gave a Classification Talk. Don has spent all of his career in Southern New Brunswick. He grew up in Saint John, attended Kingswood University, and then graduated from a school in upstate New York. Don started off studying music but then transferred to a ministry program. Don is responsible for transforming Caton's Island into a children's camp after it was purchased by the Wesleyan Church. Don pastored Kings Valley Wesleyan in Quispamsis for 16 years and then 12 years at Moncton Wesleyan. Presently he is on staff at Sussex Wesleyan. Don talked about churches having a role in "adding value" to individuals and how society has been moving away from church attendance. At one point attendance drove engagement, but presently engagement is what drives attendance. This is a societal change and a philosophical shift. In telling his story, Don shared how a "crisis of faith" lead him to search for a pearl of eternal worth.

Thanker – Robert Short

Committee Reports

Fundraising Dinner – May 4, 2017 – Cindy Dubois sent out an e-mail stating that preliminary numbers for the dinner's net revenue are estimated at over \$24,000. Comments and suggestions for future dinners can be sent to Cindy. *Great job Cindy and Committee!*

Committees for 2016/17 – Lisa is finalizing the committees and its members for next year.

Breakfast Clubs – This Wednesday, Lisa Brown is serving at Sussex Middle School; and on Friday, Rob Driscoll is serving at Sussex Elementary School.

Sussex Clean-Up – The rains last weekend caused a postponement of the clean-up until this Saturday, May 13, 2017. Please meet at the 8th Hussars or at Sussex Elementary at 9 am. There will be lunch served at 12 noon at the arena.

Membership Recruitment Event – Instead of a business meeting on May 29, 2017, the Rotary Club of Sussex will be hosting a membership event. Rotary cards were given to each member to invite new people to learn about the work of Rotary.

Support of Sharing Club – Rob Tremblett reported that Alfie Smith had contacted him asking the Rotary Club of Sussex for a letter of support for the expansion of the Sharing Club building. Rhoda will follow-up with the appropriate letter.

Chase the Joker – Bob Black's ticket was drawn but not the Joker. The pot is \$255.50.

Next Meeting – Monday, May 15, 2017 – Speaker – Dr. Daniel Pillay, Sussex Physician.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Wilson