



Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: November 16, 2015

Present: Bob B., Lisa B., Kathy C., Angela C., Don D., Rob D., Cindy D., Donna G., Rhonda H., Erik H., Ed K., Greg K., Robert K., Harold L., Mary M., Lou McN., Bob T., Shelley V., Rhoda W., Robert L.

Regrets: Alaina A., Jeff F., Don., I., Alaina L., Tina M., Bruce No., Wendy O., Ian S.

Guests: Kim Driscoll, Cecile Matheson, Keith Lyons

Introduction: Rob Driscoll welcomed all members and guests to the meeting.

Rotary Minute – Rhoda Wilson highlighted an article entitled “Can’t Buy Me Love” from the October 2015 Rotarian and how a fundraising dinner ended up becoming the wedding reception for a Michigan Rotarian.

Strategic Planning

Rob Driscoll emphasized how everyone needs to be a part of the future plans of the Club and chaired the brainstorming session breaking it down into three main categories with the following results:

1. Mission

- Youth
- Bringing community together
- Community empowerment
- Poverty reduction/relief
- International
- Connected
- Professional Development
- Mentorship
- Serving others
- Inclusive

2. Values

- Four-way Test
- High ethics
- Open communication
- Understanding
- Listening
- Respect
- Integrity
- Empathy



- Education Awareness
- Thirst for knowledge
- Service to Others

Focus for Directing Resources for the Next Three Years

2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Youth – New Generations	Community Projects - Building	International projects and Conferences
Relationships with other Clubs	Own building	Membership Recruitment and Retention
Youth Exchange – Short Term	Fundraising	
Camp Rotary	Youth programming events and venues	
Atlanta	Toronto	

Fundraising Dinner – Cindy announced that the annual fundraising dinner would be held on Thursday, April 7, 2015 at the Legion. A Paul Harris will be presented that evening. Cindy asked everyone to keep out their white Christmas lights so that they could be used to provide ambiance for the dinner. Members were encouraged to think about prizes during the Christmas shopping season and to start soliciting now.

New Generations - Lisa reported that the deadline for the short term youth exchange is December 15, 2015. There will be an interview next Tuesday night at Lisa's Playhouse. – Jen Dubois – interview next Tuesday evening, November 23, 2015. There is a mandatory meeting for all host families on May 5 – 7.

Presentation of Banner – Keith Lyons, Assistant District Governor presented a banner to Rotary President, Rob Driscoll, from the Rotary Club in Simi Valley, California, Charter 1962, District 5240 and Home of Air Force ONE and The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

Presentation Certificate from the Sussex Fire Department – Harold Lowe presented Rob Driscoll with a Certificate of Appreciation for Rotary's work in the Truck Pull for Muscular Dystrophy Canada and for donating the Rotary portion of the proceeds to help purchase materials for next year's fundraiser.

Report form Assistant District Governor – Keith Lyons talked about the weekend conference with several of the Rotary Clubs in the northern part of Maine. These Clubs have been working together on an international project for Guatemala where the plan is to install eco wells, eco toilets and eco stoves.

50/50 Mary McNair's ticket was drawn but this was the first week of the card draw and the joker was not drawn so the money remains in the pot.