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Cowbell - November 28, 2016

Attendance: Bob B., Lisa B., Angie C., Melissa C., Cindy D., Jeff F., Donna G., Rhonda H., Paul K., Ed K., Robert K., Mary M., Lou M., Tina M., Bruce N., Bob S., Bob T., Rhoda W.

Absent: Alaina A., Alex C., Don D., Rob D., Erik H., Blair H., Don I., Greg K., Alaina L., Harold L., Cecile M., Teresa O., Ian S., Jason T., Shelley V., Robert L.

Guests: Brenann Warner

Chair: Tina Monahan

Rotary Minute: Lou McNamara talked about Rotary projects needing to fulfill a need in the community, having a fiscal component, and having exposure in the community.

Business Meeting

News from the Executive of the Board – Bruce will be looking after the Rotary meeting on Monday, February 6, 2017, when Blaine Higgs, Opposition Leader, is coming to speak. Bruce will work with the Program Committee in planning. It was agreed that this would be an open meeting and members were encouraged to invite guests. Angie Cummings will inform the Chamber of Commerce. Members and guests will be asked to RSVP so All Seasons can adequately prepare for the noon meal. It was agreed that Rotary will focus on giving our guest speaker adequate time so there will be no regular agenda.

Nominations Committee – The Nominations Committee will be meeting on Thursday. Members were asked for input, i.e., volunteer or nominate a member. The Club really needs to fill the Past President vacancy so this individually will be better prepared for the incoming year.

Trip Draw – Tickets have all been distributed. The public is accepting the price increase to \$150. Tickets can be purchased with cash or cheque. Cheques can be one lump sum or three cheques of \$50 each spread over the first three months of the fiscal year. Tina asked everyone to make sure all individuals on the list are called first. Only after repeat customers have been given the opportunity to purchase a ticket and not come through, should a ticket be offered to a new purchaser. If a customer asks for a ticket with a specific number, contact Tina as she has the list and members can trade tickets. Please keep careful track of all tickets and turn money in to Cindy and/or Mary.

Budget and Financial Statement – Copies of the financial statements ending October 31, 2016 were circulated. Mary reviewed the statements. Reports will be prepared on a quarterly basis.

Public Relations – Tina recommended that members check in to Rotary on Facebook in order to give the Club more exposure.

Fundraising Dinner Committee – The first meeting was held on Sunday night. The tentative date for the dinner is Thursday, May 4, 2016. Cindy asked members to keep and donate any wicker baskets that they may have. It is hoped that Interact will be able to help with the dinner this year.

Social Committee – Saturday, December 17, 2016 is the Christmas Party. Tina is looking for Christmas items to be donated to a raffle basket.

Community Service – Breakfast Clubs this week are Bob Short for Sussex Middle and Rhonda Haynes for Sussex Elementary. Arrival time for the Middle School is 8 am and for the Elementary School is 7:50 am. Tina circulated the sheets for the Salvation Army Kettle Collection. Rotary is assigned to Sobeys only and shifts start at 10 am at which time the kettle can be picked up from the Service Desk. Kathy Halleway from the Salvation Army will pick up the money from the kettle at the end of the day.

Coats of Kids – The sale of coats on Saturday did not have a large crowd but over \$200 was brought in. This year the elementary schools have made requests for 80 coats. This is exactly the amount budgeted.

New Generations – Interact has 13 members and will be holding elections this week. Lisa asked about inviting students to Rotary meetings on a rotating basis. Mary will check the budget. Sophia Sharp will be going to Ottawa in May to represent Sussex Rotary for Adventure in Citizenship.

Advertising on Website – Angie Cummings is still looking for people to place Ads on the Rotary Website.

Area Governor – District 7810, Area 4 Training – February 11, 2017 – Bob Tremblett stated that this training day is going to be a big day and he asked Rotarians to put this date on their calendar. The training session will be held at Kingswood University.

Happy Bucks / Sad Bucks / Fines

Chase the Joker – Mary McNair's ticket was drawn but no Joker. There is \$766.50 in the pot.

Next Meeting – Ian Smith from Tourism will be our speaker next week.

Adjournment