



ROTARY Club of Sussex Inc.
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COWBELL - September 26, 2016

Attendance: Lisa B., Angie C., Rob D., Jeff F., Donna G., Rhonda H., Ed K., Robert K., Harold L., Mary M., Bruce N., Robert T., Shelley V., Rhoda W.

Regrets: Alaina A., Bob B., Don D., Cindy D., Erik H., Blair H., Don I., Paul K., Greg K., Alaina L., Cecile M., Lou M., Tina M., Teresa O., Bob S., Ian S.

Guests: Alex Coffin and Melissa Cummings-Keith

Grace, Toast to the Queen and Canada

Welcome: Rob Driscoll, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting

Rotary Minute: Robert Kimball talked about his position as Club Trainer. This is a new position to our Club this year. Robert indicated his position included an educational component. To help him to fulfill his role, Robert asked that members e-mail him with ideas for topics. One suggestion put forward was finding out about the Rotary Leadership Institute that usually happens in Truro in the fall.

Committee Reports

A copy of Committee membership was included on the back of the agenda.

Board Meeting – This meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 12:30 pm at All Seasons Restaurant.

Budget and Finance – Mary, Chair, asked that all committees review their budget needs for the present year and let her know as soon as possible so that adjustments can be ready for the Board meeting on Wednesday. Administration expenses are approximately \$50 over income this past year – a definite improvement over past years due to come creative fundraising at social events. Mary stated that Rotary spends approximate \$38,000 per year on projects. The Committee is looking at separate budgets for different projects based on size, i.e., large, medium, and small. Several project proposals have come in and these will be discussed at the upcoming Board meeting. The Committee is looking for a new member.

Policy and Governance – Nothing new to report. This Committee meets approximately one time per year. The Youth Protection Policy will be considered.

Membership Development -Rob D. (chair) reported that the Committee has received forms from three prospective new members – Alex Coffin, Melissa Cummings-Keith, and Jason Thorne.

Program and Reception – Shelley reported that programs have been booked for the remainder of this calendar year. Shelley asked for feedback about the meals and the new self-serve coffee/tea station. There has been a proposal put forward that, instead of giving pens as a thank you gift to our speakers, we make a donation of a book to the Sussex Public Library.

Public Image & Public Relations – Rob Driscoll reported that in the last 28 days there have been 23,000 people view the Rotary Facebook page and that there have been 4,000 postings. There are presently 329 likes for the Rotary Facebook page.

Social Events & Fellowship – The **Oktoberfest Rotary Social** is scheduled for Friday, September 30, 2016, at Giermindl's Old Bavarian Restaurant. There will be a \$10 cover charge to assist with entertainment costs. Approximately 35 people have signed up.

Coats for Kids – Angie will be taking leadership for this year. Angie reported that she has spoken to people who have run Cozy Coats in the past and they are not doing it this year because even though they had received numerous donations, there were few in the community who took advantage of the program even though the coats were all washed and in excellent condition. It was suggested that the Rotary Club check with schools a little later in the fall so that real need can be determined. Donna reported that she has sent a request for a District grant but as of this date has not received a reply.

Trip Draw – Consideration is being given to increasing the amount of the Trip Draw ticket to \$150 next year and replacing the option of a \$12/month post-dated cheque system to \$50/month every four months. Anyone with concerns should e-mail Tina.

Charitable Trust Dinner and Auction – Additional members are needed for this Committee.

Community Projects – Bruce noted that the unpredictability of truck delivery to the Sharing Club made it difficult for Rotary members to participate in the unloading. Bruce noted that the Rotary Club has received a request from Sussex Middle School about serving at the Breakfast Club that runs each weekday from 7:45 – 8:45 am. Members were invited to drop by on Wednesday to see how the program works.

Mary announced that Sussex Elementary School will be starting a “cold” breakfast program on October 1, 2016 and volunteers are needed.

Several Rotarians helped out with the work at Discovery Park over the summer.

Rotary International – Donna chairs this Committee and involves the Rotary Foundation and also international projects. Members are encouraged to donate on line and on a regular basis through the share program. Boots, Bikes, and Band-Aids and the eradication of polio are some of the things our Club have supported. World Polio day is October 24 and a volunteer is needed to promote this initiative in the community. November is Foundation month.

New Generations – This Committee will be meeting every Wednesday at 4 pm at Lisa's Playhouse. Last Wednesday, September 21, was the first day. Interact has started at the high school as there were two

students from the high school – Brianna Dunfield and Sophia Sharp. The Committee will be looking to support two short term exchanges this coming year.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, October 24 – World Polio Day

Saturday, November 19 – Presque Maine – Foundation Book Signing and Banquet

June 10 – 17, 2017, Atlanta, Georgia – Rotary International Convention

Happy / Sad Bucks

Chase the Joker: Robert Kimball's ticket was drawn but still no winner. The pot is now \$572.

Next Meeting: The next Club meeting has been scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2016, at All Seasons Inn and Restaurant starting at 12:15 pm. Speaker will be Vanessa Black from the Sussex Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Wilson
Secretary