

# **Northfield Rotary Club Board of Directors Meeting**

**Thursday, October 11, 2018  
10:45 a.m. to Noon  
United Methodist Church Library**

Richardson called the meeting to order at 10:54 a.m.

Present: Scott Richardson (President), Jean Wakely (Immediate Past President), Jenni Roney (PR/Communications), Vicki Dilley (Rotary Club Service), Barry Carlson (President Elect/Membership), Kari Nelson (Secretary).

Jake Conway (Community Service) arrived at 11:22.

Guest: District Governor Mike Becker.

Absent: Virginia Kaczmarek (Treasurer), Todd Thompson (International service). Note - Chris Heineman (Fundraising) has resigned due to job change.

## **Action Items**

**Approval of September 13, 2018 minutes.** Moved by Carlson, seconded by Roney. Motion carried; minutes of September 13, 2018 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report.** Presented by Richardson in Kaczmarek's absence.

Balance Sheet Report and Profit Loss Prev. year Comparison Reports (as of 10/10/18):

- Nearly all revenue and expenses are in for the Jesse James Bike tour (all but the cost of the Middle School use). Revenue was significantly higher than 2018 (participation was 893 (versus 814 last year) and sponsorships were several thousand over goal (yeah Dale Ness).
- Since July 1<sup>st</sup> our club members will have donated to The Rotary Foundation \$3,600 (which includes monies that will be sent in the coming week).
- We wired our Togo international project \$3,915 (cartwheels).
- We are over in our weekly meals expense because we have had several very large meetings (good problem to have).

Overall the budgets look very good. We remain strong in membership and our first big fundraiser surpassed net revenue goals.

Motion to approve Treasurers' Report by Dilley, seconded by Carlson. Motion carried; Treasurer's report approved.

## **Approval of New Members.**

Membership of Kim Fuhrmann was approved by electronic voting. Membership now at 148. Several of our recent new members will be formally inducted today.

## **Discussion**

### **Bike Tour Report**

See Treasurer's report.

### **Turkey Trot Report**

Turkey Trot Committee working on ad for Entertainment Guide, Roney will contact them to see how she can assist. Info about Free Range Turkey Trot will be sent to District 5960 members. Dilley will share list of former inbound exchange students for Free Range Turkey Trot.

### **Four-Way Taste to Ethics Leadership Team**

Koenig and Ethics Leadership Team will head up this fundraiser, proceeds to Guatemala water project.

### **Board Seat Vacancies**

Team will meet October 17 to consider replacements for Heinemann and Kaczmarek (who will continue as Treasurer through November, before her departure to Rochester).

### **Workforce Development and Rotary**

Richardson and Andre Sivanich attended meeting at CAC, exploring ways to support Workforce Development efforts.

### **Discussion with District Governor Mike Becker**

DG suggested that the practices of our club might be useful to distribute district-wide to educate other clubs. Possible areas of focus: membership, exchange program.

DG notes that the District will provide \$200 grant to help cover costs of our club's transition to Club Runner.

DG seeking update on Climate Action Team, looking for next great initiative at the District level.

DG wants to make sure club goals are entered online on District Rotary Club Central, and recommended it be done as a full club effort. Nelson will try to find memo of club goals that came out of visioning exercise and see if they fit with Club Central format.

District moving to electronic systems.

## **Information:**

### **Director Reports**

Conway: Discussion whether Local Donations committee grants awards are limited to \$500; concluded the limitation is self-imposed and committee could grant more than \$500 as it deems appropriate. Committee has established a 30 day time frame to review applications, and will be more specific about designated use of funds and recognition for grants.

Grant application from ARC MN, wondering why it was referred to Location Donations. DG advised that because ARC helped develop Rotaract club in Uganda, ARC is now approaching all Rotary clubs with funding requests.

Vicki Dilley will represent Rotary at the NHS Volunteer Fair on November 25.

Carlson suggest the club revisit idea of more Rotary branding, especially with emphasis on the Foundation; consider offering Rotary merchandise for contributions to Rotary Foundation. Carlson will explore where this could fit in the budget.

**Better Angels Seminar**

Richardson encouraged attending the Better Angels skills workshop on October 18.

**World Polio Day**

Livestream event on October 24.

Conway moved to adjourn; Dilley seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:57 .