

Rotary Club of Cedar Falls
Board Meeting Notes
December 8, 2015

The Board meeting was held at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club immediately following the regular noon meeting.

Attendance:

Present:

Chad Feldmann, President
Mike Butler, President-Elect
Kelly Christensen, Immediate Past-President
Sheryl McGovern, Secretary
Gary Winterhof, Treasurer
Leslie Nixon, Director
Bob Diedrichs, Director
Jeff Hassman, Director
Brandon Gray, Director
John Roth, Director
Ron Kelderman, Director

Absent:

Bob Hardman, Club Historian

Guests: Joe Gitta

2. The meeting was called to order by President Chad Feldmann at 1:05 p.m.

Special Order of Business: Joe Gitta suggested a fundraising idea. He suggested that the club investigate a large raffle, such as a college education at a college in Iowa. He estimated it could cost \$75,000 for housing, books, fees, and tuition. The funds could be put in a 529 plan. Money could be paid to the school when needed. Promotion would be essential. Club members would sell raffle tickets. Additional expenses would include sales tax, advertising expenses, and any other fundraising costs.

3. President's Report:

- a) No report

4. Secretary's Report:

- a) November minutes have been posted in Google Drive. Motion to approve by Kelly Christensen, seconded by John Roth. Motion carried.

- b) No attendance report.

c) Jon Crews has applied for R-85 status, as his age + years in Rotary now equal 85. Motion to approve by Brandon Gray, seconded by Gary Winterhof. Motion carried.

d) Jerry Larson has applied for a leave of absence for January-March, as he is traveling down south. Motion to approve by Leslie Nixon, seconded by Brandon Gray. Motion carried.

e) Proposal of membership for Phil Johnson of Johnson Financial Services. Scott Cessna is sponsoring Phil. Motion to approve by Brandon Gray, seconded by Leslie Nixon. Motion carried.

f) Dale Port has moved to Ankeny, Sheryl will check into his status in club.

5. Treasurer's Report:

a) November Club and Foundation reports were reviewed. Club expenses included meals, while revenue was primarily dues, leaving a club balance of \$26,286.78. Foundation donations were primarily Wheelspinner. Expense included a \$500 check to the Municipal Band, as part of the concessions agreement. That leaves a balance of \$21,301.48 for the foundation account. The club is returning a \$5,000 district grant for a raised garden, which will reduce the balance to \$16,301.48. Motion to accept and approve by Bob Diedrichs, seconded by Jeff Hassman, motion carried.

6. Old Business:

1. Marv Diemer memorial sign at Rotary Prairie at Big Woods Lake: No update, except that Mike Butler is in contact with Mark Ripplinger regarding this project.

7. New Business:

1. Renee Saeger, Women's Club employee, has been the recipient of a breast cancer benefit. Chad Feldmann will check into ongoing fund raising.

2. Grace Cole, Salvation Army, has asked for a club donation for the winter fund drive. Sheryl will contact Grace regarding other options for assistance, such as bell ringing.

3. New directors, President-Elect, and other positions for next year. Jeff Hassman has agreed to serve as President-Elect for Fiscal Year 2017. The goal is to have this formalized by January, 2016.

4. Regarding Inbound and Outbound exchange students: Leslie received information from the Waverly club, who gives outbound students \$500 towards their flight. \$2,000 is charged by the District for processing fees. Parents end up paying \$5,000-\$6,000. John Roth moved, and Gary Winterhof seconded, that the club pay \$1,000 towards expenses to the district, or to reimburse the student. Inbound : Jeff is still looking for one or two host families. On December 17, an email vote clarified that the board was voting to approve that the \$1,000 was in addition to the \$800 to be paid to the district.

5. Clay St Park: Brad Leeper has a proposal for Rotary support for this project. Leslie will send out information. The project is seeking up to \$10,000 (total project is \$30,000). This can include naming rights. Volunteer hours are also sought.

5. President Chad Feldmann suggested board members think about Joe Gitta's raffle proposal. Chad and Leslie will do some follow-up inquiries on process of a large raffle. Board members will have a mid-year review regarding committees at the January meeting.

Next meeting: January 12th, 1:00 pm.

Jeff Hassman moved to adjourn, Mike Butler seconded. Motion carried.

On December 21, a special email vote was conducted to accept the proposal of Stan Sweet for membership, as proposed by Don Richardson. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted; Sheryl A. McGovern, Club Secretary.