

MWV Kiwanis Board Minutes

October 11, 2017

Board Members Present: Barbara Reilly, Allen Gould, Janice Andrews, Susan Staples Smith, Anthony Ammendolia, Peter Deveau, Diane Gamache, Joan Kenney, Russ Griffin, Darlene Ference, Barbara Plonski, Barry Chisholm, Liz Hughes

Non-board Members Present: Tim George, Norm Gamache

President Barbara opened the meeting with a welcome to the new board members and a review of Roberts Rules of Order.

Motion to approve Secretary's minutes from September. First Tony. Second Diane. All in favor.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report with answered questions. First Tony. Second Joan. All in favor. Allen explained how the finances overlap between club years. Our administration account looks down because the dues have not been deposited yet. In all, our club expended \$97,000 in donations during 2016-2017. A speaker system that the board had approved from the President's discretionary fund for \$239 was returned for one that functions better for \$149. Allen is looking over Fryeburg fair revenue as \$700 may have been posted to the wrong account. The credit cards given to K Kid and Builder Club advisors for supplies were discussed. Paula Knight, our club advisor to all the youth advisors, will be given a larger role in managing those cards. Advisors who need money before cards are issued should submit bills to Allen for reimbursement. All bus company bills must go to Allen as bus companies will not take the card. An attempt will be made to figure out appropriate budgeted amounts for each card based on the individual club's need.

Budget: President Barbara explained a new program she has included called Read Today, Lead Tomorrow. It will be a pilot program at John Fuller. An estimated 225 children will receive two books to keep. The children will be able to put their names in the books and a stamp will show the book is from our club along with a Kiwanis bookmark. The budget is \$500 and an additional \$200 will come from the corn hole competition winnings with the Berlin club. The Fall Convention of the NE District is having a book fair in North Conway and may also donate to this project.

There were three other new line items in budget. One is for Habitat for \$500 and one for MWV Soccer which both had previously come out of unallocated and the Vaughn Community Center which has previously come from the Asset Allocation Committee awards.

The board reviewed each page and discussed all changes from the budget from the previous year.

Motion to approve 2017-2018 budget. First Tony, Second Janice. All in favor.

A request was received from the Robotics Club. It is already in the budget for \$500 so no vote was needed. A request to fund the purchase of T-Shirts to be given to volunteers at their events was denied since it was considered to be outside of our mission.

The club received a request from two high school seniors to work in El Salvador in January. No action was taken since we need more information on the status of their fundraising. President Barbara will investigate.

The board received a request from the Lawrencian Ski Club to take over their scholarship program. The board was in favor of taking the \$5,800 balance to distribute within our scholarship program but we would not honor the restrictions currently in place by the ski club. If this is not acceptable, we recommend the Lawrencians give the money to the local youth ski program.

The club had received a request from the Kevin Peare Memorial Skate Park organization to use us as a fiscal sponsor whereby our 401 c3 status would allow them to accept tax free donations and apply for grants. Due to the need for our club to then keep records and supervise this organization, due to the feeling that liability for injuries is possible, and due to the skate park being for all ages, we declined considering this request to be outside our mission. President Barbara will inform them.

In order to end board meetings earlier, a trial change in schedule will be introduced at the November board meeting. The cocktail time will be moved up to 5 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Members will be asked to select their meal choice before going to the bar so that all orders are in by 5:30 p.m. Any member who cannot get to Tuckermans by 5:30 p.m. can ask another member to select for them or should find the waitress when they arrive to put in their order. We will sit down at 5:30 and have the regular club business meeting. The meal will be served at 6:15 p.m. The board meeting will start when dessert is ready. This trial change in the schedule only affects the board meeting dates.

To encourage more members to attend board meetings and to shorten the meetings, future board meetings will take place in the dining room and start when dessert and coffee is served.

Motion to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. First Liz. Second Diane. All in favor