

1 Minutes of 11/11/2020 Board of Directors Meeting Board Members

Present: Barbara Polanski, Mike Albarelli, Dan Andrews, John Gallo, Dan Weir, Susan Staples Smith, Darlene Ference, Maura Ammendolia, Allen Gould, Ralph Fiore, Nancy Marquis, Chris Booras, Russ Seybold, Joan Kenney

Members present: Janice Andrews, Barry Chisholm

Action Items Resulting from Meeting:

1. Barbara Plonski and Allen Gould will meet to finalize budget and then circulate to board.
2. All board members will review new proposed budget and be ready to vote at the next board meeting.
3. Fundraising Committee will distribute ornaments to sale locations.
4. Photos with Santa Committee will make a decision on whether or not to proceed this year mid-month.
5. Treasurer Allen Gould will send two checks per motions recorded.
6. Barbara will ask members to donate hearty canned soups to 68 Hours of Hunger.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by President Barbara Plonski via the Zoom online meeting application due to the COVID-19 virus restriction group gatherings. Participants could view and speak with each other. Dan Weir opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary's October Report – Motion to accept minutes by Dan Weir and seconded by Joan Kenney. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: presented by Allen Gould and accepted by President Barbara Plonski. Allen reported that our administrative account is still high because the dues of \$5,510 have not been paid to Kiwanis International yet. The amount in American Funds does not reflect the uptick which happened over the past week. Income reported for Angels and Elves is \$7,760 which includes \$2,980 given in memory of Dick Ficke. Barbara reported 146 children asked for help with 126 having sponsors to date. She thanked Nancy Marquis and Linda Little for their work and said some bags are even ready for the parents to pick up. Barbara said \$240 in cash, some gifts and two sponsors were a result of *Bring a Friend* weekend at Settlers Green.

Fundraising – Mike Albarelli said the 600 ornaments have been delivered and are available for sale at Elf Headquarters and will be distributed to banks and other locations soon. They are wooden snowflakes suitable for a photograph in a festive envelope and will sell for \$5 each. All members are asked to participate in this fundraiser. The ornaments are not dated so they could be used next year if they do not sell out.

Barbara reminded all that gift certificates purchased at Settlers Green on 12/1 *Giving Tuesday* will be matched by management as a gift to our club up to \$2500.

Key Club Auction – Barry showed us the website the Key Club is using on a **trial basis** to auction items. If any member does not wish to register a credit card on the site, they can bid through Barry who has already registered his credit card. Barry will be sending an email to all club members soon. Nancy mentioned she knows of Facebook Auction pages that use PayPal for payment. Barry will find out the percent charge the Key Club may have to pay on credit card purchases.

Shooting Star Partnership – Barbara reported a local law enforcement agency is going to send the amounts drivers are fined to Shooting Stars to support student driver education. Shooting Stars received \$500 this week.

Read Today, Lead Tomorrow – Diane Gamache wrote that the book giveaway at Pine Tree School was a huge success. Maura Ammendolia said Conway Elementary will have their book giveaway before Thanksgiving.

2020-2021 Budget Review – Allen reviewed the format with the board and suggest that he and Barbara meet to finalize numbers before asking for a vote on the budget at the December meeting. The ability to forecast amounts for fundraising is difficult during Covid. Susan cautioned that it is time to be conservative. We can always give away more money later if we are able to raise it.

Photos with Santa – Barbara shared an email note from Dot Seybold at Settlers Green regarding safety of proceeding. Rates for Covid in NH have been going up recently. Ralph said the committee would make a decision in mid-November about proceeding.

Motion to give Children’s Unlimited \$500 as part of their annual appeal made by Dan Andrews and seconded by Susan Staples Smith. All in favor.

Barbara shared a conversation she had with the managers of 68 Hours of Hunger. They need hearty canned soups. Barbara will email members about contributing. She also found out that they need money to give to families since they have fewer volunteers to pack food during Covid. A **motion** was made by Dan Weir and seconded by Russ Seybold to give \$1000 to 68 Hours of Hunger. The **motion** was amended to \$2000 by Dan Andrews and seconded by Darlene Ference. All were in favor of the amended motion.

Motion to adjourn by Allen Gould and seconded by John Gallo at 7:30 p.m. All in favor.

Next Board meeting is December 9 via Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

Summary of Expenditures:

Children’s Unlimited \$500

68 Hours of Hunger \$2000