

Minutes of 06/30/21 MWV Kiwanis Board of Directors Meeting

Board Members Present: Barbara Polanski, Mike Albarelli, Susan Staples Smith, Joan Kenney, Ralph Fiore, Darlene Ference, Russ Seybold, Allen Gould, Dan Weir, Pete Levesque, Nancy Marquis, John Gallo

Non-Board Members Present: Tony Ammendolia, Diane Gamache

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Barbara Plonski via the Zoom online meeting application. Participants could view and speak with each other. Dan Weir opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary's February Minutes – Motion to approve May minutes with the amendment by Darlene Ference that the next meeting time should have been 5:30 p.m. instead of 5:00 p.m. as originally reported. The motion was made by Dan Weir and seconded by Ralph Fiore. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Allen Gould presented the report. He reviewed the Angels and Elves income statement showing this year as compared to last. There is \$367 in the Administrative account. We have not had much activity due to meeting online. Allen said the \$3900 paid by Pete Levesque for Passport Books is not yet included along with other income for the past two weeks but the expenses are up to date. Barbara Plonski will give Allen the Happy/Sad Dollars collected at the cookout at Pete and Jeannine's home. Pete was thanked for his Passport Book purchase and for hosting the club at his home.

Passport Book Update – Barbara reported that 431 books have been sold not counting those from bank and stores. There is a \$14,332 profit to date. Allen has deposits to record which will bring the total closer to \$20,000. Barry Chisholm told Barbara that the Key Club raised \$647 selling the two books we gave them at their auction.

Golf Committee Update – Ralph Fiore reported that the tournament is sold out. So far, \$11,900 has been collected. The goal is \$14,000. Volunteers are needed for registration, welcoming people and handling the gift bags. Signups are on Portal Buzz. Susan asked Ralph if he wanted a call for volunteers to go out to the general membership. He said yes. Barbara said to mention that volunteers should contact Chris Booras or Ralph if they are having trouble getting on Portal Buzz to sign up.

Donation Requests

Shooting Star- Shooting Star is a committee within the club that makes gifts to children experiencing a crisis from a death in the family, their health or being homeless. Chair Diane Gamache told the board that \$700 was recently paid so two girls could receive driver's education classes. The company gave our club a \$300 discount. Another girl, living in a hotel, will probably be approved for \$235 to attend art classes in Jackson. There is a \$500 limit on gifts. John Gallo made a motion to transfer \$2000 to the Shooting Star Fund and Nancy Marquis seconded. All in favor.

Kiwanis Club of Berlin – Motion to donate \$100 to be a Bronze level sponsor for their golf tournament made by Dan Weir and seconded by Ralph Fiore. Nine in favor. One opposed. Two abstained. Motion passed.

Tin Mountain– Following up on the board's request for more information, Barbara Plonski found out that the nature scape for children will be made of objects found in nature and that the expenses will be for heavy equipment rentals. She has asked Tin Mountain to prepare a detailed request for help as our club does not contribute money to any capital campaign's general fund. Board members thought this might also develop into a service project.

Meredith Kiwanis Club Our club has been asked to partner with Meredith to help them build up their members. Discussion centered on whether or not we should spend our energy helping them or focusing on building our own membership. It was also unclear whether Meredith has asked for our help or if the letter was sent by Kiwanis International pairing us up due to proximity. The board decided to send a note to our general membership to see if anyone wants to work with the Meredith club.

Thank You Notes – Notes were received from the students who received Charlie Mallar and Sandy Smith scholarships.

Face-to-Face Meetings – Now that the virus seems to be under control in our area, President Barbara asked the board if they wish to resume in-person meetings next year. She also asked if they want an in-person installation and in-person holiday event. All three responses were positive. The incoming President Mike Albarelli suggested we meet twice in-person in two different locations since our members come from several different towns. He said the board meeting would happen at a different time and maybe occur on Zoom so that traveling board members would not miss meetings. Vendors need to be contacted to work out a schedule. The board felt surveying the membership would help the club make a decision. Mike, Nancy Marquis and Barbara will send out a survey. It was noted that several of our members, who do not come to meetings, will show up for service projects and will often bring family or friends to help. The board thinks that a monthly service project would be a good focus starting next year and that it may help us with recruiting new members. No decision was made on how to make this happen. Allen suggested a committee be formed.

John Gallo said the installation will be at the Red Fox and the holiday dinner will be at Stonehurst. Dates will be published as soon as they are known.

Tony Ammendolia asked if Photos with Santa is going to happen. Barbara Plonski is meeting with mall management soon to find out if we will have space for PWS and A&E this year.

Barbara reminded club we do have a service project on July 24-25 serving food at the Soccer tournament. Pete Levesque will provide a grille.

Motion to adjourn by Dan Weir and seconded by Ralph Fiore. All in favor.

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Summary of Expenditures:

Transfer of \$2000 from Kiwanis general funds to Shooting Star program fund operated by our club.

\$100 to Kiwanis Club of Berlin, Bronze sponsorship in their golf tournament