

Minutes of 01/13/21 MWC Kiwanis Board of Directors Meeting

Board Members Present: Barbara Polanski, Mike Albarelli, Dan Andrews, Dan Weir, Susan Staples Smith, Darlene Ference, Maura Ammendolia, Allen Gould, Nancy Marquis, Chris Booras, Joan Kenney and Russ Seybold

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:32 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 Darlene Ference. All in favor. Dan Andrews asked that the minutes reflect that Janice Andrews was not an attendee at the November board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: presented by Allen Gould and accepted by President Barbara Plonski. Income from the sale of the snowflake ornaments is included under private donations. The club received donations from individuals in the amount of \$1000 and \$5000 before Christmas.

Fundraising – Mike Albarelli said about 400 ornaments have been sold. This resulted in a profit of \$1300. We will have about 200 ornaments left to sell next year as they are not dated. We will be able to reuse signs created for the sale. Mike will get a deposit to Allen.

Angels and Elves – Barbara reported the move out from Settlers Green location went very smoothly. Approximately 30 people showed up to help. The warehouse crew was done by 10:05 a.m. and the bank crew wrapped up at 10:30 a.m. after watching the ascent of the moving truck up the hill on the fifth try. Nancy Marquis will now take advantage of the winter sales to stock up for next year. A report of income, expenses, etc. will be prepared for the February board meeting.

MWV Youth Hockey Request – Barbara spoke with Bob Murphy who runs the program. There are 130 students participating. They would appreciate any amount we can give them. Motion to donate \$500 by Chris Booras and seconded by Allen Gould. All in favor. Our Kiwanis patches will remain on the jerseys.

Passport Book Discussion – Chris Booras met with the members of the Passport Book Committee. There are conflicting emotions about asking restaurants to give coupons, about members soliciting donations in person given the virus, the ability of members to sell the books and the unknown level of business expected in 2021. Story Land is out as a donor. Nancy suggested that vendors like she and Bobby who have businesses within Story Land might be able to include coupons in the book. Members of the Valley Originals Restaurant group were consulted to see if they would continue to be included in our book. Ten restaurants said they would. The committee will focus on seeing how large a book might be possible and consider an adjustment in price and/or number of books printed. There is concern if we do not publish a book in two years, it will be difficult to restart this fundraiser or another charity might step in. A motion was made for a vote of confidence by the board to produce the Passport Book in 2021-2022 by Joan Kenney with a second by Allen Gould. All in favor.

Golf Committee Discussion – Secretary Sue was asked to send out a request for any member willing to work on the Golf Committee to contact President Barbara. Russ Seybold volunteered during the meeting. Dan Andrews has offered to consult as he led this effort for several years. It is looking like a group rather than an individual will coordinate this fundraiser.

Other Items – A letter will be given to receive a Passport Book as an item for the Tin Mountain fundraiser on March 20th. The club received a thank you note from one of the recipients of the student loan grant. Dan Andrews reported he spoke with former member Jerry Meliken who now resides in Arizona. Jerry just turned 90 years old and is doing well. A new Jack Russel just joined him and Karen. Barbara spoke with Janice Andrews on a suitable topic for the Kiwanis magazine to spotlight our work. Ralph Lutjen will be contacted to submit an article on the Dental Committee's work.

Motion to adjourn by Russ Seybold and seconded by Joan Kenney at 7:42 p.m. All in favor.

Next Board meeting is February 10, 2021 via Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

Summary of Expenditures:

MWV Youth Hockey Association \$500