

Minutes of 02/10/21 MWC Kiwanis Board of Directors Meeting

Board Members Present: Barbara Polanski, Mike Albarelli, Dan Andrews, Susan Staples Smith, Maura Ammendolia, Allen Gould, Nancy Marquis, Chris Booras, Joan Kenney, Pete Levesque, John Gallo, Ralph Fiore

Members Present: Marie Lee

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President Barbara Plonski via the Zoom online meeting application due to the COVID-19 virus restriction on group gatherings. Participants could view and speak with each other. Dan Andrews opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary's January Minutes – Motion to accept minutes by Joan Kenney and seconded by John Gallo. All in favor with three abstentions by members who were not present at previous meeting.

Treasurer's Report: presented by Allen Gould and accepted by President Barbara Plonski. We are ahead of last year in our cash position. The college scholarships have been paid. There have not been many expenses.

Passport Book Update – Chris Booras reported that the committee is optimistic about this year's book. A few businesses have dropped out but there are also going to be new coupons. Details are being finalized for a May launch. After a concerned start, things are looking up.

Golf Committee Update – Ralph Fiore and Chris Booras are heading up the committee this year. Ralph acknowledged all the good records and time line suggestions given to them by former chair Dan Andrews. Two sponsors have already been received: the Checks as a Platinum Sponsor and the Ammendolias as a Silver Sponsor. With more people getting vaccinations, it is probable that we can hold the event. The golf course will let us cancel as close as a week ahead and the luncheon a month ahead, if needed.

Club Storage Update – Marie Lee reported that Phil LeBlanc from Country Pickers has moved all the Angels and Elves materials to his climate controlled warehouse which we are renting for \$180 a month. Phil will continue to move materials in and out for Angels and Elves in the future at no cost as he has done since 2002. Pete Levesque has offered a section of his warehouse for the rest of the club materials. On February 13, these will be moved by our members. Pete's storage offers easy access for Coffee Booth, Photos with Santa, Dental Supplies, Golf Tournament and Club historical records, awards and plaques. The board thanked Pete for his generosity. Marie asked where the Santa Chair is stored and Ralph Fiore said this was the property of Settlers Green.

Angels and Elves Year End Summary – President Barbara shared the numbers for this year's Angels and Elves. The number of sponsors were 149 and 418 children were served. A lot of people gave money not wanting to brave the stores during Covid so \$35,162 in donations were spent by shoppers for the rest of the children. Utilities amounted to \$1,566 for two phone lines and internet and \$2,068 were spent on office expenses, printer supplies, stamps, paper, masks and cleaning products. The bill for ads was \$552.

Dick Ficke Scholarship – Marie Lee reported the total for the memorial gifts for Dick Ficke was \$2,890. The creation of a Dick Ficke Scholarship to be given out in June to a student in need who had been passionate about Angels and Elves and who would be attending either a two- or four-year college was discussed by the board. Allen Gould made a motion for a \$2,000 annual scholarship to be presented each year starting June 2021 in Dick's name. Joan Kenney seconded. All were in favor. The funds will come from interest in the American Funds 1312 account.

Nancy Marquis asked if the Scholarship Committee ever gives scholarships to students entering their second or third year of college. She pointed out that often the first year is well funded but then help drops off. Allen said the committee has awarded scholarships to continuing students but it is rare because of the loss of the communication of scholarship availability once a student leaves the high school. Maura Ammendolia said the Garden Club gives scholarships and may have some insight.

Donation Requests– A letter was received from the North Conway Library concerning their capital campaign. The board asked Barbara to request a letter from them with a specific request addressing needs of children. Barbara called around to the food banks prior to the meeting and found they were in good shape at the moment.

Motion to adjourn by Allen Gould and seconded by Joan Ralph Fiore at 7:32 p.m. All in favor.

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

Summary of Expenditures:

Five college scholarships