

Minutes of 03/10/21 MWC Kiwanis Board of Directors Meeting

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

Members Present: Dick Check

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 on group gatherings. Participants could view and speak with each other. Dan Weir opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary's February Minutes – Dan Andrews asked that the words “ or technical trade school institutions” be added to the type of higher education the Dick Ficke Scholarship could be used for to more clearly honor Annie Ficke’s intentions. Motion to accept minutes as amended by Ralph Fiore and seconded by Joan Kenney. All in favor. Barbara Plonski will let Allen Gould, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, to make sure student applicants are aware that a scholarship can be used to study a trade.

Habitat Request – Barbara Plonski asked if anyone knew of a student who would be willing to work on the Habitat website for \$20 per hour. She has already reached out to local schools. If you know of anyone, please contact Barbara.

Treasurer's Report: As Treasurer Allen Gould was not present, this report will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Passport Book Update – Chris Booras reported that the committee is right on schedule. There are 125 coupons. We lost ten and gained ten. The committee will meet next week to discuss a venue for distributing the books to members. It will not be Flatbreads. Chris stressed the need for all members to sell books this year. Books will be sold at the May 30 Duck Race in Jackson and there will be ads in the paper on May 8 and 29.

Golf Committee Update – Ralph Fiore and Chris Booras are heading up the committee this year. The committee will meet on the 29th of March to discuss sponsors. All arrangements are on schedule for the Friday, August 6th event.

Free Furniture – Barbara Plonski mentioned that the White Mountain Hotel is replacing the furniture in their rooms and beds, tables, bureaus, mirrors, etc. are free for pickup in the ballroom.

Donation Requests

North Conway Library - A letter was received from the North Conway Library concerning their capital campaign. Any monies donated will be matched. Motion to give \$500 to the library was made by Susan Staples Smith and seconded by Chris Booras to be sent along with a letter from our president requesting the money be spent on activities/books/technology for children. All in favor. The library is privately run and free to all. You do not have to live in North Conway to use the facilities or borrow items.

Vaughan Center Food Pantry – Barbara Plonski asked them what their needs were. They wish to purchase a software program to track inventory and keep up with records needed to work with government agencies. Barbara will find out more specifics and get back to the board at the next meeting.

Student Travel Request – A Fryeburg student sent a letter of recommendation in her favor from the academy to attend a program at Oxford this summer. The board passed saying that it did not want to support this during these times when more essential needs are going unmet. The board also noted that there should have been a letter from the student which included a description of the program and her reasons for wanting to attend. Barbara will respond to the student in a letter.

Bearcamp School in Tamworth – A request was received from Bearcamp, a school we have traditionally supported. Motion to give \$500 was made by John Gallo and seconded by Maura Ammendolia. All in favor.

Conway Area Humane Society - A request was received from the society. The board passed as this is outside our mission. Barbara will send a letter.

MWV Eaters and Growers Board - A request was received from this group. Maura offered to contact them to ask for a letter outlining how we could help a family with children.

MWV Bicycling Club – Barbara will reach out to see how we can support them this year.

Waypoint Sleepout - A request was received from this group that focuses on the homeless in the Rochester area. The board passed.

Other Items

Dan asked Barbara to send out the invitation on the caucus meeting to elect a Lt. Governor and other positions.

Russ was asked to arrange for a speaker for future all member meetings. He will see if the owners of the Cathedral Ledge Distillery and if the owners of the Ledge Brewery would be interested.

Motion to adjourn by Dan Andrews and seconded by Joan Kenney at 7:25 p.m. All in favor.

Next Board meeting is April 14, 2021 via Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

Summary of Expenditures:

\$500 North Conway Library

\$500 Bearcamp School, Tamworth