

Minutes of 09/08/21 MWV Kiwanis Board of Directors Meeting

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

Non-Board Members Present: Tony Ammendolia

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 June minutes by Joan Kenney and seconded by Dan Weir. All in favor. After the approval, Treasurer Allen Gould joined the meeting and asked that the Administrative Budget amount for June be amended to \$5,320.44.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Allen Gould presented the report. He said that even with the transfer of funds from investments to checking, there have been notable gains. The fundraising in 2021 has been successful and the requests for help have been lower than normal. He promised to get the transfer of \$2000 to Shooting Stars (voted at the last board meeting) accomplished before the fiscal year end. Dan Andrews noted that the club should be looking to spend more money and that it should look for a capital improvement project to fund during the 2021-2022 year.

Passport Book Update – Chris Booras reported that 650 books have been sold with a profit of almost \$20,000 There are about 50 unsold books. The committee will discuss locating those books and the possibility of donating them to charities and the Key Club to fundraise.

Golf Committee Update – Chris Booras reported that the tournament earned approximately \$16,000. A thank you letter to sponsors will be sent out soon. An ad thanking sponsors will also be placed in The Conway Daily Sun. The committee will be researching a different venue for next year due to rising costs. The club member participation on this project was very good. There were 12 members who worked on the committee and 10 volunteers on the day of the event. Twenty Kiwanians played in the tournament.

September Installation of Officers and Board – Barbara Plonski reminded everyone the installation will be at 5 p.m. at the Red Fox in Jackson. Fifty-two people have signed up.

Survey Results – Incoming President Mike Albarelli shared the results of the recent survey of our members regarding the question of resuming meetings in-person and preferences on number of meetings, number of speakers, number of service projects and meeting locations. Seventy-six percent of those responding said they would prefer in-person meetings as long as it is safe to hold them. Ninety percent of those responding said they are willing to try meeting in two different locations. Sixty-three percent of those responding said a speaker should be part of only half our meetings. Seventy-seven percent of those responding said the entire meeting should occur before dinner so members who do not wish to eat or need to get home can leave earlier. Ninety percent of those responding said they would be ok with one plated dinner per month with the other meeting being a less expensive option or the opportunity to choose where you want to go to eat after the meeting. As far as the number of service projects (not fundraisers) we work on during the year, the numbers were:

33% One to two projects per year

43% Three to four projects per year

20% More than four projects per year

Upcoming Year – Mike Albarelli said he would work on getting locations set up for October. Allen Gould asked that the plan be simple and consistent. Nancy Marquis communicated with The Merrill Farm Inn. They are willing to host us once a month for \$20 per person. The Red Fox is another possibility for a meeting location.

Donation Requests

Vaughan Center – Barbara Plonski received a request to pay for food pantry software for them in the amount of \$585. A motion was made to give \$585 to the center by Pete Levesque and seconded by Joan Kenney. All in favor. The board asked Barbara to check with the center to see if they still need the \$1000 our club budgeted for them for food supplies.

Jen's Friends Corporate Sponsorship – The letter regarding what it means to be a corporate sponsor was vague so this topic has been tabled to the October board meeting. The club gave \$500 earlier this year.

Service Dog for Northeast Woodland School – The request did not include mention of the school administration support for this project. More information will be obtained for a future board meeting.

Service Project

Soccer Tournament Lunch - Barbara told the board that the service project on July 24-25 serving food at the Soccer tournament has been rescheduled to October 16. Pete Levesque will provide a grille.

Other Communications

Our club has been invited to attend the St. Johnsbury Installation on October 4.

Members will be invited to play in a Bocce Tournament in Jackson to benefit Jen's Friends on October 2.

The Fryeburg Fair will take place. Jack Lee is busy preparing our Coffee Booth.

Settlers Green has given us three dates for Photos with Santa. Barbara Plonski will forward those dates to Darlene Ference.

Angels and Elves will again be in the old Dress Barn location at Settlers Green.

Change in Club Officers - Vice President Russ Seybold informed the board he does not wish to serve as President Elect. President Barbara Plonski contacted Past President Jack Lee and he has agreed to become the next President-Elect. The Past Presidents had asked Jack to serve as Vice President for 2021-2022. The Past Presidents will meet again to nominate another Vice President.

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Motion to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. by Maura Ammendolia and seconded by Dan Weir. All in favor.

These final minutes are respectfully submitted by Susan Staples Smith, Secretary, September 1999 to September 2021.

Summary of Expenditures:

\$585 Vaughan Center Food Pantry for software