

Minutes of 4/27/2022 MWV Kiwanis Board of Directors Meeting

Board Members Present: Mike Albarelli, Allen Gould, Barbara Plonski, Maura Ammendolia, Dan Weir, Deb Eskedahl, Darlene Ference, Pete Levesque, Nancy Marquis

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:02PM by President Michael Albarelli via the Zoom online meeting application. Participants could view and speak with each other. Dan Weir opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary's March 23, 2022 Minutes: Motion to approve the March minutes was made by Darlene Ference and seconded by Deb Eskedahl. All in favor, one abstention. Deb Eskedahl asked that the minutes reflect that the one of the charities to which the Club donated funds is called Direct Relief. Deb also noted that Maura Ammendolia recommended World Central Kitchen.

Treasurer's Report: presented by Treasurer Allen Gould and accepted by President Mike Albarelli. Michael asked that the President Fund reflect the proper deduction for the Sunflower Seeds for Ukraine.

Charitable Fund Report: During the April 20th General Meeting the Charitable Fund presented grants that they awarded from the \$30,000 that the Board budgeted for this purpose at the December 8, 2022 Board Meeting. The Charitable Fund issued grants totaling to \$26,000.

What follows is a description of each of the grants:

- **Children Unlimited:** Director of the Family Resources Cathy Livingston and Board Treasurer Sadie Tagliferri accepted a \$5,000 grant that will be used to replace the 14-year-old first story floor. Children Unlimited currently provides childcare for 52 children from 47 families as well as three other major programs.
- **Starting Point:** Raetha Stoddard, Outreach Coordinator, accepted a \$5,000 grant to be used towards funding the Advocacy Center. The grant, which will support the Center's work of advocating for the welfare of victims of domestic and sexual violence and vulnerable children in New Hampshire, will be matched by Starting Point. Starting Point provided over 1500 bed nights last year; truly they are providing a much-needed service to our community.
- **Eastern Slope Ski Club:** ESSC Board President Mark Porter accepted a \$4,000 grant that will help support new ski equipment as well as maintenance of existing equipment. The grant will help to ensure that all Mt Washington Valley children are given an opportunity to participate in the Junior Ski Program.
- **Friends of Conway Recreation:** Recreation Director John Eastman and Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Michael Lane accepted a \$12,000 grant to be used towards the purchase of theater lights for the Recreation Center's new stage. Once the lights are purchased and installed, a children's theater program will be offered along with allowing other groups to use the performance stage for music, theater and dance. John Eastman shared that there is a room at the Rec Center that will house a concession stand that will be used during all Rec Center events. In appreciation for our support the Concession Stand will be named the MWV Kiwanis/Sandy Smith Concession Stand.

Support for Ukraine: In addition to the already reported \$5000 donation to Direct Relief, a \$5000 donation was made to the World Central Kitchen.

Valley Pride Day: Allen Gould and Pete Levesque announced that they would be leading Members on May 7th in the annual cleanup of Eastman Road. Participants will meet at Bea's for breakfast prior to the cleanup.

Bike Safety Day: Members will participate in the annual Bike Safety Day Event being held at Storyland on May 7th.

Summer Barbecue: Pete and Jeanine Levesque have offered to host a summer barbecue.

Next Board Meeting: May 25th 6PM via Zoom

Annual Meeting: June 8th, 6PM via Zoom

Motion to Adjourn: 6:33 PM by Allen, seconded by Dan Weir

Summary of Expenditures:

Board Voted:

Ukraine Relief: World Central Kitchen \$5000

Charitable Fund Grants:

Children Unlimited: \$5000

Starting Point: \$5000

Eastern Slope Ski Club: \$4000

Friends of Conway Recreation: \$12,000