

PORT TOWNSEND ROTARY CLUB

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, July 20, 2020

ZOOM Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at 5:20 pm by President Lee Hoffman.

Present: Lee Hoffman, Susan Jacob, Sandy Eherenman, Carla Cardwell, Michael Cavett, Trent Diamanti, Shelly Leavens, Kit Malone.

Absent: Carol Wise, Jim Maupin, Nathanael O'Hara, Jim Cunnington

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the June 15, 2020 meeting minutes.

Secretary Report

Susan Jacob reported that 36 of the 65 club members have paid their Rotary dues. Since dues are payable by the 31st of July, it was suggested that a reminder be sent to those Rotarians who have not yet paid. Members have mailed checks to total over \$300 for happy bucks/fines usually collected at in person meetings. Lee will remind members again at the Tuesday meeting about that option. A suggestion to set up square, etc for recurring payments of happy buck and fines is a possibility. That will be explored and the results of that will be discussed at a further meeting.

Public Statement

There was discussion regarding whether our club should make a public statement regarding racism. It was agreed that Lee will speak with the Sunrise Rotary and East Jefferson Rotary to determine how the clubs together want to go forward. David Engle chairs the Public Image committee and will be brought in to the conversation.

Club Involvement

Only about twenty percent of our club membership attends the weekly meetings. We talked about the challenge of Zoom meetings as well as the possibility of reducing the frequency of meetings, and how to get younger people involved. Lee has reached out to Amy Howard, Stephen Sklar and Ryan Smith for ideas. There are other younger members he will contact. Lowering annual dues is also another option. Anyone with ideas for club programs is encouraged to submit their thoughts. The program committee should be expanded.

Annual Auction

Auction chair, Sandy Eherenman has already held an auction meeting. Things being considered are an online auction next spring with a possible in-person get together in the fall. In person allows us to have a desert auction, a live auction, and to be able to raise funds for a cause. A challenge is how to entice sponsors when there is no dinner or party. The auction committee will meet again in the fall.

Boiler Room Funds

\$20,000 was returned to the club when the Boiler Room closed. Since it was earmarked for “youth” it was proposed that the grant committee revisit grants received from organizations that help the youth of Jefferson County and disburse accordingly. It was suggested that we contact the Jefferson Community Foundation to see where that money might be needed. We will discuss this again at the August board meeting.

International Partnership Global Grants

We all received the proposal from Suren Poououi inviting us to become involved in a project in India. That too will be discussed at our next board meeting.

Maritime Center Agreement

Our agreement with the Maritime Center ended June 30th. We honored our agreement and paid for the meeting room through that time. David Engle is meeting with them and will report back to the club.

Port Townsend Mask Makers

A motion was made, seconded and carried to fund \$2,000 for supplies to the P T Mask Makers.

Scholarship Recipient

One of this year’s scholarship recipients has inquired as to whether she may use the funds toward rent. Carla Caldwell will discuss it further with her and report back to the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.