

MEETING NOTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS / ROTARY CLUB OF EDMONDS

7 NOVEMBER 2007

Port of Edmonds Commission Room

Present: Susan St.Germain, Elizabeth Crouch, Kathy Dahlstrom, Kirk Greiner, Staser Holcomb, Michael Kealy, Don Schmutz, Don Henderson, Larry Thronsen, Doug Purcell, Patrick Shields, Pam Halsan

Excused: Pam LeMay, Vern Chase

1. Meeting called to order at 7:40 a.m.
2. Thronsen moves to approve agenda, Kealy seconds; APPROVED
3. Dahlstrom moves to approve minutes as published, Thronsen seconds; APPROVED
4. Treasurer's report: balance sheet and P&L distributed for review; \$2200 in dues and lunch fees remains outstanding, with concern expressed that members with large balances may not be able to meet the obligation. Comments were expressed that forgiveness of debt could be a consideration. NO ACTION
Greiner requests that funds of the club's *internal* foundation be removed from the club's total cash balance. He states that he objects to the 'mechanics' of the process and suggests that when a club budget is prepared the foundation board should receive a request – the amount may or may not be based on auction (or other) income. *ie*, the club could request the transfer of funds from the club foundation. WAS ACTION DETERMINED?
Holcomb recommends displaying the CRIME WATCH pass-through funds in both 'asset' and 'liability'. TREASURER WILL DO THIS
5. Kealy/Membership: 6 months' leave of absence requests have been received from Meena Swenson and Rebecca Villareal
Challenges of low attendance were discussed, no solutions were suggested.
Proposed for membership – Joel Phillips, of Shoreline, classification *BANKING*, sponsor is David Zhou; Thronsen seconds; APPROVED
Greiner requests a brief bio from each new member to be published in the Backwash; the task will BE ADDED to the Red Badge-to-Blue Badge list
6. Schmutz/Rotary Service: Store manager is collaborating once again for the annual Christmas Shopping Spree at JC Penney's on Saturday morning, 1 December. The children to shop with will be from the Pathways/YWCA program. Breakfast will held at and the children hosted by Elmer's.

Rabour Village projects have spent \$500 of the \$3300 budgeted; at this time Kinney requests funds of \$1800 for three \$600 high school scholarships, \$500 for micro-enterprise and \$500 for vocational education. NO APPROVAL NECESSARY FOR THIS BUDGETED EXPENSE

Our Boy Scout troop will make their annual visit on 19 February, Scouting's anniversary month, to give a 'state of the troop' report and accept their check for service performed at the 2007 Waterfront Festival. No school that day.

7. Dahlstrom/The Rotary Foundation: No report this month

8. Public Relations: Chase out of town

9. Halsan/Club Admin Service: Moves to increase the scope of the 11 December food drive to include both local food banks by promoting especially generous donations from members, St. Germain seconds; APPROVED

Shields proposes splitting the Happy Bucks from the 20 November joint meeting with the Daybreakers between the 2 food banks. SHIELDS TO CHECK WITH THEIR PRESIDENT ABOUT THIS IDEA

(this activity falls under Community Service, but landed at this agenda item because Halsan coordinates the club calendar)

There will not be a food drive at this year's Christmas Party.

Suggestion was made to hold a monthly food drive, but an organizer must be appointed. SERVICE CHAIR ACTION ITEM

Discussion was held about filling the Sgt-at-Arms position; it was questioned whether it has to be a board position. RI is silent on this. A few names were proposed, but it's still possible that Dennis Gallagher may reinstate his membership. Members are currently being rotated weekly to fulfill the task, and this could continue; the Board supports this method. The role will be discussed at the club's Winter Assembly. NO ACTION

The By-Laws also need to be reviewed. Admin will appoint a review committee. ACTION REQUIRED

(What is date of Assembly? Who's planning?)

10. Throndsen/Fund Raising: Waterfront 2008 – Craig Cooke's contract is in his hands now, and is expected to be back to the club in a week for approval. The committee has already begun meeting for 2008.

Street banner – Kealy has identified a city policy regarding the timing of when street banners are hung; there are weak spots in the policy that will be pointed out to the City Council. He has developed a new policy and will present it to the Council for consideration by Public Works. ACTION ITEM

Waterfront 2007 – The Fish Hatchery people are dissatisfied with the number of visitors; they believe the shuttle busses failed to deliver passengers to their site, and that promotion by the committee was inadequate. This is being resolved, and will be addressed in the 2008 planning. ACTION REQUIRED

Auction Plans – Confusion over dates and committee personnel was thoroughly explained by Throndsen; the question remaining to be resolved is when the money

is needed for scholarships versus when a fund-raising event should be held. Personal opinions varied, and no decisions were made.

Greiner reports there is currently \$10,800 in the club's Foundation for scholarships; auction software has been purchased.

The Board directed Thronsdon to look for alternative fund-raising ideas; possible development plans at the Port could affect future Waterfront Festivals. A Wine Tasting event is being explored; it could serve as a supplement to a new spring event. An auction could move to the fall. Purcell moves that Thronsdon proceed with plans for a new spring event and a fall auction; St. Germain seconds.

APPROVED ACTION ITEM

11. New Business: Crouch reports that \$8000 from the Post-Tsunami Relief Fundraiser remains on the books with District 5030. The proposed use did not work out as planned, but the funds are restricted and cannot be used without special action. NO ACTION TAKEN

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:10 A.M.

Recorder, Pam Halsan