

Mendocino Rotary Club
Minutes of Club Meeting of
Thursday 05/07/2020

This was a zoom meeting held at 12:00 pm.

Persons present included President Matthew O'Halloran, Treasurer Harold Hauck, President-Elect Jeff Stubbs, Public Image Chair Jerry Karabensch, Community Services Chair John Cottle and Foundation Chair Gary Hopper, as well as Brandt Stickel, Pam Hudson, Susan Keller, Pete Rose, Jesse Martin and Fort Bragg President Judy Martin. Jeff took the minutes since Mike Sandys had another obligation.

President Matt called the meeting to order, and led the pledge and thought for the day.

Harold gave a summary of the financial position, which remained strong. Jerry noted that we had received \$4,935 from our recent funding request letter, comprising \$2,955 from John's letters, \$1,800 from Toby's letters and \$150 from Donna. Some of the funds had gone to the Foundation and some to the club. Harold and Jerry will sort this out. The club appreciated that Fran Schwartz had given a contribution toward the masks project in Roger's memory.

The Mendocino Coast Children's Fund and the Food Bank had written letters of thanks for our contributions toward mitigating the effects of the coronavirus pandemic (\$2,500 for the Children's fund and \$1,000 for the Food Bank). We had also given \$500 to Sherwood Oaks for personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff, a total of \$4,000 given so far.

Jeff raised the question of whether the drive was now over or should be continued. It was agreed that the drive should be continued, with each member responsible for getting his/her own letters out. It was noted that the letters can be gotten from Gary in the hardware store.

Matt and Jerry discussed next steps in the Park. Jerry explained that the County had sent a request for more detail on several parts of the plan: the equipment shed, the access arrangements and the water tank. There was a discussion of the design of the equipment shed with Matt saying it should be practical, perhaps square-sided, Jeff suggesting it could have an eight sided roof as already designed but with a pavilion in front to provide better access, and others saying that we might need to clear any changes with the Historical Review Board and/or County. Jerry and Debra will take care of these design issues. Matt will put up a 6"x6" pole on the site where the equipment shed will be placed and John will write a letter to PG&E requesting that they make the correction.

Jesse reported on his initiatives on our public image. He had opened Twitter and Instagram accounts, and needed some details of our club e-mail address to complete the process including a facebook account and You Tube. There was a discussion of setting up a PayPal or Venmo section on the web page, and it was said that this could feed into our activities account at the Savings Bank.

Matt reported on behalf of the Youth Committee saying that its' members had reviewed applications from Mendocino High School and recommended award of scholarships of \$2,500 each to two outstanding students. This will be done as soon as possible, in order that they can count on the funds for next year.

There was a discussion of how our support for masks and PPE could be extended and/or broadened from the Mendocino Coast Hospital, Coast Clinics and Sherwood Oaks, and Susan suggested we could look into smaller homes and clinics, and persons providing home help services. She and Pam will take the lead in looking into this.

John talked about the County coronavirus testing arrangements, which were available through the Ukiah hospital, with processing done elsewhere which meant slow response times. It was suggested that we might look into a joint effort by the County Rotary clubs to purchase a testing lab that would provide faster turnaround times.

We talked about getting the sponsor stones cut with sponsor names. Matt emphasized we need to get this going so that we do not overload the stone cutter who can do about 20 a week. Pete will begin contacting sponsors to affirm that the message that is to be cut on the stone is correct. The ordinary stones were modeled on those at the Theater. Although there was no firm upper limit, it was stated that as a guideline we could cut about 18 characters on these, and more on the Founder's stones. The Rotary logo would if possible be placed on the Founder's stones.

It was noted that the Mendocino Hotel was closed, opening the question of how we could access our equipment there. Jeff volunteered to contact Jamie Buckner about this. Judy would send Jeff Jamie's contact particulars.

Jeff mentioned the questionnaire for members that had been circulated, with the aim of initiating a discussion of what we like about the club, what we dislike and how it could be made better. The information collected would be discussed later in the month, after officers for next year would be selected.

The meeting concluded at 12:59.

Congratulations to Matt on running a very productive and time-conscious meeting.