

Mendocino Rotary Club Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of February 21, 2021

Present: Jeff, Brandt, Pete, Scorr Roat, Dean, Ray, Jesse, Suzanne, William, Pam, Gary, Susan, Matt

Speaker: Rocci Hill, CEO, Mendocino Art Center

Jeff opened the meeting at 12:00 and explained that Rocci Hill would speak after which we had some business to attend to. We held the pledge and pin check, and received happy dollars from several persons. Gary provided a quiz. Checks are to be sent to Harold at P.O. Box 102, Mendocino 95460.

Rocci gave a well-prepared and interesting presentation covering the history of the Art Center, and how it has adapted to the pandemic. Amongst others, the Art Center had in order to save on costs closed early in the pandemic and then had to look at how to survive without the in-person experience it depended upon. Rocci was convinced that their action was necessary in order to keep Mendocino safe. They had stopped offering jewelry and ceramics, and focussed on writing painting and photography. They developed a MAC art gallery showing works of other galleries, opened their rooms to emergency workers, built a zoom curriculum, and conducted a fund drive. In the course of this they attracted some participants overseas and in other parts of the US. Rocci herself lives in Southern California. As a result of the quick action she described it appears the Art Center will survive and come back after the pandemic stronger than ever.

Jeff said that there was an urgent need to identify a person to replace Harold as Treasurer, and appoint a bookkeeper.

He also mentioned that the club had formed a Nominating Committee comprising the President, President-Elect and a previous President, Gary, to identify officers to serve during the next Rotary year.

He talked about the pandemic golf tournament, which will be a two-man, best ball tournament of 18 holes played per team each month, over the course of 3 months, beginning in March, and suggested that rather than charge \$20 to play and \$5 for up to 2 mulligans and gimmes there be a simple single charge of \$30 to play, including 2 mulligans or gimmes. The club was ok with that change. Members will be invited to bet on the winners each month. Jeff will get out the rules and invite members from Fort Bragg to play.

Actions to be taken:

- Continue the search for a Treasurer.
- Nominate offices.
- Implement the golf tournament.
- There might not need to be a meeting next week. In place of the regular end of the month Board meeting we will work in the Park.

We ended our meeting at about 1:00.

Prepared by:

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