

## Minutes from Community Services Committee Meeting 1/11/2024

The Community Services committee met before the regular speaker meeting on Thursday, January 11th at 11:15am. In attendance were, Jeff Stubbs, Toby Wade, and Jerry Karabensh

Our agenda was to discuss Community Services grants to non-profits for 2024 year. Proposals must be received by March, 1 2024 for consideration. Grants will be awarded on April 25<sup>th</sup> during our regular Rotary meeting.

- A rough draft of the press release to area non-profits John Porter had used was presented to the committee and slightly modified. It was decided that the press release would be submitted this week (1/11/2024) for print in the Advocate/Beacon next week. It will also be submitted again for print the first week of February.
- A letter to specific non-profits inviting them to apply for a grant will also be drafted. The letter will be sent out to committee members before mailing. The goal mailing date for the letter is by January 19<sup>th</sup>. We have a list (John Porter's) of non-profits that Rotary had previously supported. Our committee members reviewed and updated the list. A list of nonprofits that we will reach out to by mail will be included with the letter to all members of the committee before mailing and if additional non-profits need to be added, we can review this before mailing.
- All members of the Community Services committee will meet before the Board meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> where the proposals received will be distributed for review. A separate meeting/s will be held after the proposals are reviewed to decide how the grant money will be awarded.

The committee voted to sponsor ½ of the funds needed to sponsor the Little League banner. The cost of the banner is \$350. \$175 of this will come out of the Community Services budget.

The committee discussed sponsorship of the Mendocino High student run radio station KAKX on an annual basis. There was question as to which committee would sponsor this (Youth Services, Community Services, etc). The committee thought that having Rotary sponsor the radio station annually would be a good idea, and we will wait to speak with youth services to see how we proceed.

The Community Services committee adjourned at 11:55am. The next committee meeting will take place before the Rotary Board meeting on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:15am in Preston Hall.