ROTARY CLUB OF MENDOCINO

MINUTES OF THE CLUB MEETING

HELD ON MAY 9, 2024

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The club meeting, held in Preston Hall, was called to order at 12:10. We had a total attendance of 15, including President Toby, President-Elect Margaret, Secretary Jeff, Treasurer Brandt, International Chair Matt, Club Services chair John, photographer Leona Walden, and guests from Kelley House, Mendocino Parks Foundation, Point Cabrillo Lighthouse, and the Humane Society, all of whom had received Community Service Awards. There also were two speakers from the Film Festival and a possible club member candidate, Sheldon.

President Toby opened the meeting, we did the pledge and heard the thought for the day.

Speakers from the various NGOs and charities which had received community service awards talked about the importance of the awards to them and how they would be used. Amongst these were the Angele Lansbury tribute and town walk of Kelley House, the junior lifeguard program of the Parks Foundation, the replacement of exhibits at Point Cabrillo Lighthouse and the improvement of the kennels at the Humane Society. It was a celebration of our community and what our club is can do to make it a better place. We thanked the awardees for what they were doing and Margaret and her committee members for putting it all together.

Angela Matano talked about the Film Festival and what it was aiming to accomplish, with a program focussed on local community history and the environment. She said consideration was being given to creation of a Foundation that could fund further needs such as modern film projector.

We talked about starting the dinner raffle, with some being in favor of a start in June and others one in November. There was a concern about overlapping with Fort Bragg Rotary’s drawing which is going on now and the golf tournament which we will do in October. It was moved and seconded that we begin on June 15 and hold the drawing on July 27. Tickets could be sold in a few weeks and at the Fourth of July. Ray suggested the tickets not have a drawing date since the time was short and it might be necessary to adjust as we go along. We parceled out responsibilities for purchasing dinner certificates and it was apparent we need a few more members to help out. Please contact Leona.

Pete suggested we have happy hour gatherings once a week, to meet each other and celebrate our club. The members thought this a good idea, to be begun asap.

Ray said Tony Graham of Patterson’s Pub had decided to contribute $5,000 to the Mendocino Rotary Foundation to help maintain and develop Rotary Park.

Our next meeting will be for the Spring Forward gathering on Tuesday, May 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 in Preston Hall. This will be the kickoff event to Margaret’s Presidency, a discussion amongst members about themes we could follow next year, some immediate action items we need to consider soon and our calendar together for next year. All members should be there. An agenda will be issued Monday.

There will subsequently be a club meeting on Thursday, May 23 at 12:00 noon in Preston Hall. Terra Fuller will speak on Mendocino State Parks.

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Prepared by Jeffry Stubbs, Secretary

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