

Rotary Board Meeting - Feb 2025

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Meeting Call to Order (00:00 - 09:59)

- Computerized agenda due to printing issue.
- February board meeting called to order.
- Motion to approve the agenda made by Barb, seconded by Scott.

Approval of Minutes

- No minutes available for approval from the previous meeting.
- Suggestion to approve January minutes next month.

Attendance and Reports

- Attendance reported as "booming."
- Mel not present; no secretary's report.

Treasury Report

- Checking account balance at the end of December: \$10,176.35.
 - Significant expenses noted, including Rotary International dues and district dues.
- Current checking account balance approximately \$3,300.
- Savings account balance: \$9,692.26.
- Legacy account balance: \$26,150; freight account balance: \$550.
 - Clarification needed regarding the legacy project account.

Financial Approval

- Motion to approve January 25 financials made by Scott, seconded by Barb.

Fundraising Discussion

- Need for a group to plan upcoming fundraisers.
- Proposal for separate fundraising meetings to establish ideas.
- Consideration of logistics for events, including liquor licenses.

Community Events

- Inquiry about the fire department's egg hunt status.
- Empire confirmed to be hosting an egg hunt.

Meeting Frequency

- Suggestion to meet every two weeks for planning.
- Flexibility in scheduling; preference for Mondays noted.

Meeting Participation (09:59 - 19:57)

- Open invitation for participation
 - No commitment required
 - Attend as time allows
- Importance of multiple perspectives
 - Helps in sharing ideas and updates

Group Coordination

- Historical role of the group
 - Coordinated events like due days
- Example of involvement
 - Personal anecdote about Ramble Jam committee

Top the Tater Days

- Exciting news from recent meeting
 - Old Dutch donated \$5,000 worth of products
- Community engagement
 - Ideas for events like dunk tanks and potato gun contests

Grant Authorizations

- Upcoming grant meeting
 - Inventory of rotary benches for potential replacement
- February focus
 - Month for giving to the Rotary Foundation

Cultural Event Planning

- Collaboration with high school
 - Exploring cultural event with diversity group
- Scheduled event details
 - Cultural event on May 14th
- Community involvement
 - Potential partnership with Rotary for support and presence

Membership Updates (19:58 - 29:51)

- Membership is progressing well.
 - Lynn has backed out.
 - Chrisia's membership status is current; an application is needed for a swap.
- Homestead is filling out their application for corporate membership.
- Wendy spoke with Catherine at Graceville Table, who also wants to join.

Upcoming Events

- Valentine's Day event for seniors at Trinity.
 - 12th year of delivering Valentine's.
 - Event scheduled for next Friday at 11 AM.

Budget Discussion

- Current revenue is \$52,470; expenses total \$55,635.
- Discussion on balancing the budget and potential adjustments.
 - Quarterly fundraising revenue from Raffle RC is optimistic at \$30,000.
- Identified donations and expenses include:
 - Holiday party: \$2,000
 - Scholarships: \$4,250
 - Senior holiday luncheon: \$4,000

Budget Discussion (29:52 - 39:50)

- Starting budget for the year was discussed.
 - Suggestion to reduce it from \$2,000 to \$1,000.
- Financial contributions and efforts were considered.
 - Emphasis on balancing time, effort, and financial input.

Flower Donation Issues

- Businesses used to donate flowers downtown but have stopped.
 - Some businesses felt the city should take over the contributions.
 - The city agreed to handle the flowers again.
- Discussion on potential new flower suppliers.
 - Local lady with a pop-up flower shop expressed interest.

- New greenhouse owners may be open to a buying relationship.

Senior Holiday Luncheon

- Consideration of finding a new venue due to high costs.
 - Current venue is St. Michael's, which is expensive to rent.
- Proposal to buy larger gifts for seniors.
 - Suggestion to purchase popcorn tins or similar items.
 - Idea to ask businesses for donations or financial contributions.

Venue and Cost Considerations

- Inquiry about connections to other event centers.
 - Discussion on whether venues would donate space.
- Current costs for St. Michael's were outlined.
 - \$500 rental fee plus a suggested donation of \$300.
- Comparison of costs with other community venues.
 - Mention of churches charging significant fees for space usage.

Gift Bag Donations (39:50 - 45:44)

- Jamie Thompson suggested monetary donations for gift bags for the senior luncheon.
 - Donations of \$100 or \$200 would be more effective than sourcing items like notepads.
- There may be others willing to contribute financially rather than with items.

Senior Luncheon Space

- More attendees were present at this year's senior luncheon.
 - It would be unwise to use a smaller space for future events.

Budget Approval

- The budget is now in balance and ready for approval.
 - Motion made to approve the budget; seconded and passed unanimously.

Action Items

- Jenna needs to be informed about fundraising interests.
- Final version of the budget will be sent out.
- Scholarship application has been sent to the high school and will be posted on the website.

Strive Program

- The Strive program is engaging new participants and generating positive energy.
 - New attendees are bringing friends and showing interest in the discussions.

Donation Requests

- Anticipation of increased donation requests this year.
 - Organizations should meet with the group and fill out forms for donations.
- Observations indicate a rise in donation requests in the first month of the year.