

August 18 2020 Minutes

A meeting of the board of directors of the Rotary Club of Ambler was held at the Wissahickon Valley Public Library on August 18, 2020. The following members were present: Jan Sandler, Diane Schueler, Linda Kennedy, Brenda Hayes, Kate Harper, Anne Frank, Greg Marinucci, John McAneney. Also present via Zoom were Pete Phillips, Bruce Braunewell, Pete Phillips, Carey Fleisher, Liz Kunzier and Skip Urban. Absent were Alain DuPlat and Dennis Higgins.

Greg moved and Kate seconded approval of minutes of July 14 meeting.

Attendance has been 18 to 20 at our virtual meetings. September 9th we will meet in person at Mondauk Common Park.

The district is asking for every club to participate with donations in the virtual Purple Pinkie Race to be held October 24. The district will share details about the event after Labor Day.

Linda raised the possibility of digital payments to the club. There was a discussion that younger people do not carry cash and use digital payments for everything. At Ambler Arts and Music we direct people to the ATM machine at Ambler Savings to get cash and that works. Blue Bell uses Venmo but Matt said that is for personal use only. Pete prefers checks to be mailed to PO Box 81 Ambler PA 19002 because there is a paper trail and thought reconciling digital payments would be more difficult.

Kate moved and Brenda seconded approving the treasurer's report.

Jan is going to send another email requesting club member donations to help improve the clubs finances. The first email request was sent just a few days ago so it is too early to know how many club members will send donations in. Kate suggested when we do get donations Jan should share the amounts coming in but not naming names of those donating.

There is a scheduled Club project to construct wildlife friendly SLF traps at FAST SIGNS Willow Grove on Thursday August 20 at 6:00 pm.

Discussion of a mums fund raiser. We can buy 9" mums from Diddens for \$4.25 and sell them for \$8. Diane pointed out she can purchase mums for less. It was discussed that people will purchase mums at a higher price because the profits are going to help the community. A comparison was made to buying Girl Scott cookies at a premium because it is for a good cause. Diddens Wholesale offered a small mum option, but it was decided to offer only one size to simplify the sale and distribution. Kate will check on color options. We need an order form created. We can use the Blue Bell Library parking lot for pick up on a

Saturday after 2 PM. We need to be ready to deliver mums purchased but not picked up.

Fairwold Interact Club received a Rotary Presidential Citation for the 5th time.

Discussion of a proposed car raffle was held. Bruce provided information about a successful car raffle in Maryland. Brenda reviewed the PA agencies that have indicated we don't need a special permit. Brenda is continuing to reach out to other PA agencies to confirm we follow all PA laws. The Ambler Auto Show rescheduled for May 16, 2021 would be good for foot traffic to sell tickets. If Square is used to process digital payments a dedicated iPad with data service would be needed. The Ambler Arts and Music festival is another place raffle tickets could be sold. Suggestion to consider a 2-year lease rather than winning a car to lower the cost.

Liz will work to improve our Social Media presence. Jan shared he spoke to Eric about getting Instagram going with Jody. Jody joined the Zoom meeting and Ambler Rotary has an Instagram account, but it doesn't have any postings and not many followers. We need to change that to attract younger members.

Motion was made to have Pete create a budget that establishes how much money we will keep in our accounts before we do any grants. There was a discussion and agreement we should not even allocate money to give away before we have the funds in our accounts.

Meeting adjourned 6:46 pm.