# The Rotary Club of Michigan City Indiana Board Meeting Minutes-2020/2021 Board August 26, 2020



# Current Officers, July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020 (Club Administration)

President Jim Welborne
Secretary Jennifer Wright
President Elect Cara Jones
Treasurer Deb Varnak
Past President Jessica O'Brien
Sergeant-At-Arms Matt Kubik

#### **2018-2020** board members

#### **2019-2021** board members

## **Members Present**

Jim Welborne, Jennifer Wright, Deb Varnak, Matt Kubik, Lance Werner, Jenilee Haynes-Peterson, Tom Cipares, Dennis Carroll, Katelyn Wisser

## **Members Absent**

Cara Jones, Jessica O'Brien, Marty Corley, Adam Vidoni

# **Topics**

## • Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve by Dennis Carroll
- Second by Lance Werner

## • Secretary Reports

- Reviewed Corporate Membership, Years of Service, Breakdown of Active Members and Gender Membership.
- Attendance Reports will begin to be included beginning at next month's September Board Meeting

# • Approval of Financial Report

- Motion to approve by Jennifer Wright
- o Second by Dennis Carroll
- New budget year presented
- o Jim will meet with Deb and Sandy to review handoff of Treasury duties.

# Club Meetings

- Attendance is very low. Board members currently working on list to call members and invite to next meeting.
- o Board to start thinking on other ways to reach out to members to attend
- o September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting is with the LaPorte club
- Most of the pre-paid meal income will go to club expenses based upon responses from people. Others had until 8/31/20 to respond or it would automatically go towards club expenses

# • Rotary Garden

- o First round of planting complete. Second round happening next week and will complete phase 1 of the garden
- o The Board approved the verbiage for the Rotary Garden sign

## • Presidential Citation Goals' Action Plans

- o Membership (Tom Cipares, Adam Vidoni)
  - > Action plan still being put together
- o Club Public Relations (Lance Werner, Marty Corely)
  - ➤ Website and Facebook posts will be updated frequently and timely to communicate with members and the public
  - ➤ Posts will be made at least 4 times/month about speakers, events, programs and members
  - Social, radio and print media will be utilized for media stories to publicize projects that convey Rotary objectives. These to include rotary garden, Salvation Army bell ringing, Alinsky Award, Service Above Self award.
  - ➤ RI materials in the Brand Center will be incorporated in the Michigan City publicity plan for social media.
- o Rotary Foundation/Fundraising (Matt Kubik, Dennis Carroll)
  - Raise money for polio through Pastor Dennis's experience and video. Possible online donation tool or a video watch party.
  - > Virtual silent auction
  - > Chef cooked dinner with Erik Tannehil
  - ➤ Tapping into skills and talents of other members such as online game night, Jim Scott bike pledge, home/pet sketches, Chef cooked dinner
- Service Projects (Katelyn Wisser, Jenilee Haynes-Peterson)
  - Engage 48 members through a survey to see what events/projects members want to participate in. Survey to come out in near future.
- Administration (Cara Jones, Jessica O'Brien)
  - Action plan still being put together

## • New Business

- District grant for Covid-19 related project
  - ➤ Club awarded \$1200.00 to donate to an organization for Covid-19 use
  - > Organizations to consider are Franciscan, HealthLinc and Boys \*& Girls club
- Ivy Tech Scholarship
  - Rotary to donate \$500.00 on behalf of Laporte and Michigan City Rotary
- Toastmasters partnership
  - > Discusses rotary potentially being a partner with the toastmasters

# • RCMCF Scholarship

- o Due to lack of follow up, a long-time member resigned from the club
- o Rotary to come together and set a date/time to honor the selected students

# • Board Member Resignation

Marty Corley resigned from the board

**Next Board Meeting September 30, 2020**