

Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club Board Meeting
November 7, 2023
Via ZOOM

Attending: Don Richards, Conrad Janke, Steve Cinquanti, Glenn Reisweber, Chuck Feiszli, Jeremy Boylan, Kathie O'Mara, Karen Dewitt, Mike Catalano, Pat Clune, Dianne Higgins

Excused: Jackie Burke, Jim Dempsey

Call to order: 7:00am by President Don Richards

Motion to approve the October 3, 2023 minutes was made by Conrad Janke; seconded by Jeremy Boylan. Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

As a Consent Agenda item, Treasurer Steve Cinquanti provided an updated financial report which included 10/31/2023 month-end account balances. A question was raised regarding which account was debited for the Pumpkinfest sponsorship. The Charity Allocations account was charged for this expense and the transaction will appear in the November report. Going forward, Steve will provide YTD comparisons on the monthly expense reports. The report was accepted.

Old Business:

- Inactive Members – membership dues remain unpaid by Tiffany Martinez, Jack Ferguson and Jami Bistocchi, despite several attempts to collect them. Don Richards will send a final letter to each of them next week, asking for payment by December 1, 2023 and explaining that if dues are not received by that date, their membership will be terminated in accordance with our bylaws.
- Club Dues – Motion was made by Chuck Feiszli to raise annual membership dues to \$200, effective on July 1, 2024; seconded by Pat Clune. Motion carried. This increase will be announced to the general membership several times between now and then at our weekly breakfast meetings
- Center For the Arts "Give Back" Cleanup – scheduled for Wednesday, November 15th. Don Richards will follow-up with Jackie Burke regarding Interact Club volunteer assistance.
- SS Edmund Fitzgerald ZOOM Presentation – 24 reservations for this free presentation at CNY Living History Center on November 9th have been received through our website and use of our QR code. Additional walk-ins are expected.
- "Crutches For Africa" campaign – we are still collecting mobility devices. Conrad will follow up with the coordinator to determine a pick-up date to remove the items from storage.

New Business:

- Committee Structure – all agreed that the current list of committees – and members of each – need to be reviewed. The tentative date for a ZOOM discussion for those who are willing to participate is Friday, November 17th, 10:00am. Hearing from committee chairs once each month at a breakfast meeting may be a way to revive participation from the membership.
- Salvation Army Dollar Drop – formal dates for our participation in these events is T/B/D. CNY Living History Center will again be one of the donation sites, but due to the Cortland Main Street construction projects, Bailey Place now has minimal traffic, so we need to consider another donation site. We will reach out to Homer Police Chief Pitman for his thoughts, as well as connect with someone from Guthrie Cortland as the Homer Avenue/North Main Street intersection may be another possibility.
- Loaves & Fishes Holiday Baskets – Don Richards will talk to Mike Shafer to get event details. A new committee chair is needed. Dianne Higgins is willing to co-chair and will invite new members to participate.
- Morning Speakers – Jeremy Boylan, Conrad Janke, Steve Cinquanti and others are working diligently to keep our speaker line-up filled and website information up-to-date. Members should check the website for open speaker dates, then connect with Jeremy or Conrad if they have a guest speaker in mind.
- Membership – no report.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51am.

******* Next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5th, 7:00am via ZOOM *******