

Board meeting for Rotary District #5580 at noon at RBJ's - August 29, 2011  
Present: Kenneth Johnson, President, Christo Robberts, past President, Margee Keller, Treasurer, Don Cavalier, Krista Proulx, Blake Carlson, Kristina Gray, Secy.

Krista Proulx said Rose sale is scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Last day to get your orders in will be September 27, 2011.**

Here's a new idea for the Rose sale to be a good fundraiser: a group of Rotarians might go out ahead of time to sell roses for the set price and come back together after several hours to compare notes.

Krista will bring the order forms in the envelopes with each person's name on them to the meeting today.

Later it was suggested that someone go on Valley Talk on KROX and talk to Ray about our upcoming Rose Sale. **Who will do that?**

Christo Robberts sent money and forms to Evanston, IL for the Radio Days (?) Sent all to Rollie Turner who is Foundation Chair? Margee thought that we made a profit of about \$1,400 for Radio Days but that figure is not final yet.

Margee suggested that there be a general P.O. Box number for our club so there is not a mixup about who gets what mail when there is a change of leadership.

Christo and Kenneth will work together with Rotaract

Don C. said that Tom Riley? is coming at the end of year to visit our club

Should we go to an evening meeting once a month on either Tuesday or Thursday to catch people who cannot come to the noon meetings? Kenneth will send out a snail mail survey to find out people's thoughts on this. Hoping to encourage more to join.

Another idea to show what Rotary does is to bring our Rotarian magazines to hospital or clinic waiting rooms with our names blacked out. More people will be curious and know that we do humanitarian aid.

How to get more of a Rotary presence in the community of Crookston was discussed. Andrew Svec will hopefully put in news blurbs about upcoming programs in the Crookston Times. Today will be Wayne Gilman, not sure about program for Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, James Kent will have Ron Vossler come and talk on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. We need to be inviting people to hear these programs (potential membership comes from invites) Perhaps with our new Crookston Rotary website that Sean Prada is working on we can introduce more social networking such as Facebook and LinkedIn.

Don C. said that the timeline for projects, the first round is close to the deadline. There are "Park grants" that are used locally. Half of the amount can come from district. There is also the Ambassador's Scholars grant that has not been tapped into for \$25,000.

We need to make people aware of what we have in Rotary. Blake suggested that we work on the things that need to get done rather than launch a new project (paraphrase)  
Rotarians need to take the responsibilities they signed up for or were assigned to and not leave it to a few people, especially just Kenneth to do. (i.e. getting the Rotary float ready for the parade)

There are forms to be filled out taken off the Foundations page on the Rotary website. Don suggested that if we are going to do anything as an international project with Bricks and Mortar that the person to help write the grant would be Keith Bakke in Fargo, he helps with the international projects. Bricks and Mortar will soon be phased out in the next year.

Perhaps what has been started with “Awareness Building” about human trafficking on the local, national and intl. levels can be tabled until next spring when all the intl. Rotary forms are scrutinized and filled out. Christo expressed that it has to be very clear what is done as a project in the community and what is meant internationally. The paperwork involved could take awhile. Don had several names of people who he will connect with to make this a go.

Update from Margee about Allen P. Spoke to Frieda today.  
Allen is now in Rehab at Altru – Rm 205  
Doing okay but Frieda thinks he should be doing better by now.

[My apologies for confusing anyone in my enthusiasm to encourage people in Rotary to be a part of the momentum that is building about how to STOP human trafficking around the world. I’m finding out that it is going on right in Minnesota, I believe we can make a difference and impact. Obviously, I have a passion about this topic.

I hope that others in the club can rally around this project set up at VCF on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> to donate clothes, kitchen things, bedding, equipment, ANYTHING so that we can raise money for the shelters in Kazakhstan. Perhaps next spring we can have a strictly Rotary function where we can capitalize on the interest in learning more about human trafficking and making a difference in our corner of the world. Kristina]