Rotary Club of Carleton Place and Mississippi Mills

Minutes of the Meeting April 5,2022 Thirsty Moose upstairs

1. In Attendance : Mike Jeays, Marion Reilly, Randy Dudding, Carman Carroll, Shelley Smith, Dave Cousineau, Kathy Cousineau, Deb Shaw, Ken Clark

Absent: Deen Dudding, Pat Clark, Laura Jamieson

2. Welcome. Interim President Shelley opened the meeting at 6:00 pm and welcomed our special guests: Zack Nethery and Mary Mokrushnya of Ukrainian Diaspora Support Canada (UDSC).

Shelley also read the Land Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that the land on which we live and are meeting tonight is the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin and Anishinaabe People who have lived on this land since time immemorial.

- 3. Adoption of the Agenda. All agreed
- 4. Chase the Ace. Shelley had the lucky ticket for the draw but drew the Joker.
- 5. Ukrainian Support. Zack and Mary described in detail their work on behalf of UDSC:
- -they are actively working to get Mary's mother Olga and her two brothers out of Poland to Canada
- -they are receiving many donations, both financial and goods and services. The local Anglican Church has become a store of goods for incoming families
- -they are funds raising for flights and planning on the basis of \$1500 per person
- -they are match making for incoming families with billet sites and need more as the need increases. As well they are assisting in people getting their visas
- -UDSC is a registered non-profit, not a charity
- -the incoming people are not being treated as refugees and the first arrivals are expected soon
- -safety for the incoming people is a major priority. Arrangements are being made for medical care.

- -UDSC linkages with Carebridge end as of April 6 and funds are being transferred to UDSC for flights
- -Mary's Mom Olga is an active Rotarian

A motion had been previously passed by email vote to donate \$2000 to UDSC. A cheque from the Club was presented to Zack and Mary.

- 6. Minutes of Mar 22 Meeting and Business Arising. Moved by Dave, second by Mike to approve. All agreed.
- -Compost /Soccer Contact: Marion reported that the soccer association has yet to respond. Mike gave Marion the contact number he used a few years ago.
- -Adventures in Citizenship. Mike indicated that both CP high schools expressed interest and were told applications needed to be in by mid-April.
- -Giant Tiger Nevada Sales. Some roster spots still need to be filled. Dave indicated he could fill in from time to time.
- -Chamber of Commerce Update. Randy indicated we are now members for 2022 and the invoice for \$110 was paid.. Access to their website is a challenge so far

7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Next Meeting: TUESDAY Apr 19,2022 6pm at The Thirsty Moose upstairs.

Randy Dudding Secretary