

Rotary Club of Carleton Place and Mississippi Mills

Minutes of the Meeting, 17 October 2023

Thirsty Moose

Attendance: Marion Reilly, Mike Jeays, Pat Clark, Ken Clark, Amanda Burke, Tim Campbell, Carman Carroll.

Regrets: Kathy Cousineau, Dave Cousineau, Deen Dudding, Randy Dudding, Shelley Smith and Sherry White.

Guests: Cora Beking and John Beking; Tammy Parent of the Hunger Stop.

- 1. Welcome:** Chair and President Marion Reilly opened the meeting at 6:00 pm and welcomed Club members and a special welcome to District 7040 Area Governor Cora Beking and Rotarian John Beking from the Rotary Club of Kemptville.
- 2. Land Acknowledgement:** Marion 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. Happy Dollars:** As usual, Rotarians were thankful for various things since our last meeting.
- 4. Chase the Ace:** Pat's number was drawn, but she did not pick the winning card. The jackpot is about \$30 at this early stage of the new deck.
- 5. Guest Speaker and Cheque Presentation:** Tammy Parent, Executive Director of the Lanark County Food Bank, provided an important overview of the work of the Food Bank (Hunger Stop). The Food Bank covers a large geographical area of approximately 707 square kilometers. Over the past four years there has been a 45% increase in Food Bank users, well over 100% increase in monies needed to meet its needs and still no regular funding from any level of government, although the Food Bank does receive some support via grants. However, grants are very different from having regular sustainable funding. The Food Bank serves about 1200 people per month. The largest increase in its clientele over the last few years is with males in the 55/60 and up age category.

At our last meeting we approved a donation of \$5,000 to the Lanark County Food Bank and we presented our cheque to Tammy Parent to support the Food Bank's great work.

6. Adoption of Consent Agenda: The following items were offered for consent:

- Agenda, 17 October
- Minutes for 2 October meeting
- President's Report (Marion): The proposed Club visit by the District Governor for 16 January 2024 is cancelled and another date will be selected.
- Secretary's Report: Nil
- Chamber of Commerce: Nil
- Treasurer's Report: Mike reported there has been little change in our fiscal position since the last meeting.

Tim moved and Amanda seconded a motion to approve the above. All members agreed.

7. Rotary Women's Fair: Shelley was unable to attend the meeting but she sent along a progress report: *Since I won't be at the meeting this evening this is my update on where we are with Women's Fair:*

- *we have 34 vendors with 42 tables sold*
- *banner delivered to NextGen signs to be "fixed"*
- *application to have banner hung being completed*
- *new sign templates (for external H signs and also interior signs for the arena) sent to NextGen and proofs approved for printing*
- *registration packages and table layouts sent to vendors*
- *Marion is looking after Cafe items and will let us know how many volunteers she needs; we should make an approach to GT again this year for groceries*
- *Deb Shaw is taking care of Silent Auction as usual. We will need some volunteers to supervise the silent auction table so it has someone there at all times*
- *We will have the Rotary CPMM table at the top of the stairs with our pull-up banner behind it to answer questions, welcome people and be sure to remind them of the second room (there will also be signage directing people to the second room)*
- *We'll need a few people for Nov 3rd in the evening - the arena staff set up tables but there are usually a few items to move around, and we will put number signs on tables to enable easy set-up for vendors the next morning (some vendors may come on Friday evening but most come on Saturday morning)*
- *PR and communications - posts on our own Facebook page, CP Social Scene and Living in CP (these will be redone as we get closer to the event), information sent to Chamber of Commerce, ad sent to Inside*

Ottawa Valley and will be sent to Lake 88 as well. No physical posters printed yet; many businesses won't allow them. I may print a dozen to put in library, apartment buildings, Active Living Centre, etc.

Volunteer jobs:

- *Nov 3 - come to arena around 5:30 and help with any odd jobs - putting up signs, moving tables, putting out table signs, etc.*
- *Nov 4 - come to arena to help with the following:*
 - *Cafe set up and selling - throughout the day (let me know if you can be available and times)*
 - *Rotary greeting table - throughout the day (let me know if you can be available and times)*
 - *Rotary Silent Auction Table - throughout the day (let me know if you can be available and times)*
 - *generally being present to answer questions and provide breaks for Rotarians and friends (some of our regulars will not be available this year, so if you have a friend or relative willing to help we can fit them in). If you can only be there for part of the day that's fine - not everyone needs to be there all day, just as long as we have coverage for the two Rotary tables and the Cafe.*
 - *If anyone has questions just send me an email.*

Marion is looking for food donations for our lunch and snack offerings at the Women's Fair and she is going to ask Ray at Giant Tiger for help as he has been very generous in the past. AG Cora and John offered to donate eggs for our sandwiches and as a silent auction item. Marion is also asking Tim Hortons and Carleton Place Terrace for support.

8. Nevada Ticket Sales: Marion noted that sales continue to be brisk. Tim volunteered to help out with ticket sales. Marion suggested he come and shadow her.

9. Business Arising from Previous Meetings:

Roadside Cleanup: We had a successful cleanup on 14 October.

Adventures in Technology: Mike was able to get placements for four students from Notre Dame High for this program this year! Other local schools did not submit names. A motion by Amanda, seconded by Pat to fund four students was unanimously approved.

10. New Business:

AG Cora Beking: Cora presented this year's Rotary banner and pins to the club. She also asked if our Club had members with Vulnerable Sector clearances, Both Mike and Carman have them and we should

have several more. Cora also asked if our Club might consider supporting a joint international initiative in El Salvador. She will send the information for our consideration at a subsequent meeting.

Lanark County Social Services Report: Pat gave a very good summary of this meeting convened by CP Councillor Sarah Cavanagh. Our Rotary Club was the only service club in attendance. She will send her written report to all Club members.

- 11. Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on **MONDAY, 30 October** at 6:00 pm.
- 12. Motion to Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm on a motion by Amanda.

Carman Carroll, A/Secretary