Members Present: Rod Roberts, Robb Patton, Allan Penwell, Keith Brandau, Bob LaCharite, Angie Schoonover, Michelle Barbey, Ata Durukan. Absent: Billy Stull. Also present: John McDaniel and Diana Dummit

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

# Balloon Festival

Prior to the board meeting John McDaniel emailed his updates on the proposed balloon festival to be held on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at Frasca Field. John has made good progress and met with Tom Frasca and two balloon pilots. They have encouraged him to increase the number of balloons from 8 to 15. John believes he can get at least 12 balloon sponsors at \$2,000 with no problem. The proposed budget shows revenue of \$30,000 and expenses of \$15,000 of which profits will go to our foundation. No admission will be charged to keep it simple and attract a first year crowd. There will be 20-25 volunteers needed each day, and John will work with the smaller area clubs for them to help. Kohl's will donate \$500 each day and supply volunteers. One of the Boy Scout troops may be able to help with clean-up. When John owned the radio station in Casey he organized the popcorn festival which is still running so he is experienced at large events such as this. Robb will take this back to the Community Service Committee for a recommendation to the board.

# Membership

Diana chairs the membership committee and presented her plans to recruit, retain, and engage our members. Angie noted that she is in Junior League, and her organization has formal plans in this regard which may be of value to review. Allan believes that a system of accountability needs to be set up rather than passively asking club members to recruit. He volunteered to share his ideas with the committee.

The minutes from the meeting on November 8, 2017 were presented. Robb moved for approval, and Keith seconded. Motion approved.

## Treasurer's Report

Billy Stull emailed the November treasurer's report along with commentary to the board members. Operating cash is \$15,342.77 which is down from \$16,085 in October. There is nothing unusual in the budget at this point. Foundation cash is \$17,675.62 which is up from the previous month. Rob moved for approval and Keith seconded. Motion carried.

## Board Reports

- Vocational Service (Angie): The committee is working on a new scholarship application. Angie hopes to get better applicants and will focus on this after the holiday break.
- Community Service (Robb): We received a pallet of grapefruit instead of mixed which was a problem for the first day pick up. We worked with the supplier who covered the cost to get oranges from California to solve the problem, and the excess grapefruit was donated. Thanks to Ed Perry who helped Robb to re-box the mixed fruit. At this point net should be in the \$6,000 to \$7,000 range.

International Service (Ata): Ata is in discussions with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church as to partnering with them for volunteer work in Central America. Rod reported that he has submitted expenses for Miranda Meng, our college student. There is a balance in the account of \$17,047.00 which will be zeroed once this is approved. Michelle noted there is no cost to the club for our sponsorship of Lauren Henry as our outbound student.

Club Service (Keith): The holiday event is scheduled for our breakfast this Thursday.

New Generations (Michelle): Michelle reported that David and Tiffany Marten (parents of Lauren Henry) have received membership applications, and she is waiting to hear back from them.

## New Business

Allan briefly stated District 6490 has a matching program for Paul Harris recognition again this year. All club members have received notice of the program. Last year we had a matching program for all club members to become Paul Harris fellows, but this is discontinued. Allan made a motion for the club to match up to 100 recognition points for club members who participate in the District program. Robb seconded, and the motion carried. Bob asked Allan to communicate this to club members by email.

# Presidents' Report (Bob)

Tod is on track for bell ringing for the Salvation Army.

Bob, Carey, and Rod will be on the nominating committee for the 2019-2020 Rotary year. We are getting ahead of the game in leadership succession compared to previous years. Ata noted the membership must receive a 30-day notice of candidates prior to the election.

January bucket money will be used to sponsor a week of snacks/drinks for the men's homeless shelter. Bob and/or the volunteer committee will work on the details.

Tod will be asked to organize the March event of Read Across America.

Robb moved for adjournment and Keith seconded. Motion was approved. The meeting ended at 8:30 a.m.

Allan Penwell Board Secretary

CUSR Calendar:

December 1:Bucket money to Prairielands CouncilJanuary 1:Bucket money to the men's shelterMay 31:Club social