

Board Minutes August 5, 2021 FUMC Boardroom

Present: Tom Baas, Kent Ziebell, Larry Trede, Ron Skrdla, Joe Traylor, Norm Scott, Bruce Wight, John Hill, Ron Juelfs, Larry Johnson, Absent: Gina Spohnheimer and Keith Folkmann. Guests: Greg Dieter and Steve Johnson,

The meeting was called to order by President-Elect Tom Baas at 8:00 am, Boardroom, FUMC.

The minutes of the July 8th meeting were approved as distributed.

Ron Skrdla presented the June 30, 2021, Club's Treasurer's Report. Motion by Trede, seconded by Scott, that the report be approved as presented. Motion carried. Skrdla presented the June 30, 2021, Foundation Treasurer's Report. Motion by Scott, seconded by Ziebell, that the report be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Skrdla presented the July 31, 2021, Club's Treasurer's Report. Balances as follows: Administrative, \$11831.73; Service, \$1,2891.03; Total, \$13,113.76. Motion by Trede, seconded by L. Johnson, that the report be approved as presented. Motion carried. Skrdla presented July 31, 2021, Foundation Treasurer's Report. Balance of \$34,952.01. Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by Abrams, that the report be approved as presented Motion carried. .

Announcements/Reports:

1. **Nebraska-Iowa District Convention.** Trede reported that he will be attending virtually. No other club members registered.

Discussion/ Action Items:

1. **2020-21 Club Dues.** Trede and Skrdla updated the BOD on dues collection for 2021-22. Currently, there are 49 paid members, 22 unpaid members, and 4 members who have dropped. There are 9 unpaid members who have not attended a ZOOM meeting and are inactive. Trede stressed the need for telephone contacts to these members, asking them how they have been, club missed their participation, and remind them that their dues are unpaid. Board members volunteered to make these nine contacts. Dues are payable by August 15th
2. **GK 35th Anniversary Celebration.** Trede updated the club on the program and food trucks for the celebration. Program is set **Nebraska-Iowa District Convention**. Registrations are coming in slowly. Trede indicated that all members of the Boone, Ames, and Nevada Kiwanis club have received individual invitations via email. Bob Sperry has contacted club presidents and secretaries promoting the soft ball game. Members encouraged to send in registrations. Accurate number count needed for meals by food truck operators.
3. **Club Member Recognitions and Awards.** Trede reviewed the club awards and recognitions for 2021 that will be presented at the Officer/Installation Banquet on September 20th. Carl Vondra and Jim Cornette will be recognized as 50-year members. Merl Core will be recognized at the 35th celebration as a 35th year member. No 25-year members this year. For Kiwanian of the year, motion by Trede, seconded by Skrdla, that Bob Sperry be presented as this year's "Kiwanian of the Year." Motion carried,
4. **Charity Donation Program – Check Distribution.** Bass reported on the progress of presenting checks to our charities. Several have been completed. More are scheduled for next week. All checks will be presented by late August or early September. Baas asked for members to help with the presentation and presented of "big check". 1 to 2 additional board members needed for each presentation. Bass trying to schedule 2 or 3 in one half-day. Volunteers were solicited.
5. **Fund-raising at ISU home football games.** Trede reported that Folkmann had received an email from the vendor who oversee the parking, ticket-taking, and ushering at ISU home football games. Are seeking

volunteers and would be paid \$9/hour for an 8-hour day. No interest by board members. Consensus that club members would not be interested either.

6. **Paper Trailer Update.** Bass reported that contact has been made with Habitat for Humanity about using a portion of their parking lot for the paper trailer. Reported that Executive Director was positive about sharing the lot with us and would approach their board of directors about the idea. Board recently met but didn't decide. Some concern raised about contacting their neighbors adjacent to their lot regarding the usage by GK for a paper trailer. Bass reported that the ad-hoc committee is very favorable to relocating the paper trailer from its present location to a new location at Habitat for Humanity in north Ames.
7. **GK Support for Miracle League Program.** The possibilities for GK involvement in the fall league for Miracle League was discussed. Trede and Bass discussed the outcome of a meeting with Keith Abraham, Ames Park and Recreation Commission, about what involvement opportunities were available. Abraham indicated that by early August information should be available on club sponsorships, serving as "buddies" for team games, and other opportunities for volunteer participation. Motion by Scott, seconded by Trede, that the club allocate up to \$200 to sponsor ML team. Motion carried. Need for special board meeting when information from Abraham is available was discussed. Consensus that club should be involved more than just providing financial support. (Committee proposal attached.)
8. **In-person Meetings and Use of ZOOM.** Do we continue with any option to use ZOOM? The board discussed this question on how we might incorporate ZOOM into our in-person meetings. Some speakers would prefer to give their presentation via ZOOM to save time and travel. Also, offers the possibility of long-distance speakers making presentation to our club. Questions were raised about the availability of equipment and technology and how it integrates into the FUMC's a/v equipment. After discussion, motion by Trede, seconded by Ziebell, that board ask Pete Peterson to develop a proposal for equipment upgrade or replacement and the financial impact (proposed budget) that would allow speakers from a remote location to access our live meetings through the use of ZOOM and we then could project their presentation (audio and visually) to our members at the meeting being held in Fellowship Hall. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held on Sept. 9th, 8:00 am at FUMC Boardroom.

The meeting was adjourned by Bass at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted

\
Larry Trede
Club Secretary

“dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.”

**PROPOSAL – BOD, AMES GK CLUB
MIRACLE LEAGUE, FALL SEASON, 2021
JULY 8, 2021, GK BOARD MEETING**

Based upon the information provided by Keith Abraham, Ames Parks and Recreation Director, regarding the Fall Season for the Ames Miracle League Program, the Executive Committee is recommending to the Board of Directors that the Club participate in the Fall Season, Ames Miracle League with a financial commitment and personnel commitment as follows:

Fall Season, Ames Miracle League, Description.

Goal of 4 to 6 teams. Season starts on August 28th, Last six weeks (no games Labor Day Weekend) and ends on October 9th. Games are held on Saturday mornings beginning at 9 AM. Time required if four teams participate would be 2 hours/Saturday mornings. Each team would have minimum of nine players (likely 10 to 12/team).

Ames GK Financial Commitment:

GK Club would sponsor one team for fall season. Estimated funding needed: not established; however, likely \$150 to \$200. Funds used for t-shirts for players with team name and sponsor printed. No t-shirts for volunteers provided. Would ask that GK members who volunteer wear a “GK Shirt”. Baseball cap with GK Logo provided by Club (cost \$17/cap).

Personnel Commitment (GK Members):

Individual GK Members could volunteer for any of these volunteer positions for entire season:

Game Umpire, Game Announcer, Game Scorekeeper, Game Pitcher, Team Coach (duties follow)

Team Buddies/Angels (GK Members):

GK Club would commit to have ten “buddies” each week during the fall season. Members would be asked to sign up as a “buddy” indicating which week(s) are willing to volunteer. Members could recruit spouses, friends, others to assist. Sign-up sheets circulated at meetings and by email. Duties of “buddies” are described below.

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

Game Umpire: one person/day. Responsibilities: stand behind plate, help batters get started, retrieve balls, work with “team coaches”, assist the pitcher, keep game moving, trouble-shoots if players have problems. does not call balls or strikes, no “officiating duties,”

Game Announcer – Scoreboard Operator. Keeps game interesting and fun, announces players by name, encourages crowd involvement, “should be a ‘chatter’ type person with lots of enthusiasm. May also operate the scoreboard; however, scoreboard operator could be another person. Responsibility for scoreboard operator to operate the scorebook and assist the announced.

Game Pitcher: one person/day. Responsibilities: Pitches ball to batter. Helps retrieve balls for next pitch, not a “defensive position” (does not field any balls after batter hits).

Team Coach: one person/team/day. Responsibilities: Organizes batting line-up. Helps “coach” the kids. Helps them with equipment. Helps & encourages players. Helps keeps the kids “on track.” Could be a “parent”. Could be volunteer who has organized a team. Probably needs to be available for entire season.

Team “Buddies/Angels”: 1/person/player/team/day. If a team has ten members, then 10 “buddies” are needed for each game. Buddies could be assigned by the team coach or Ames P&R coordinator. Buddies work with the player on offense and defense. On offense, help player get up to bat, help player with batting, help direct player around the bases, and generally “supervises” and assists the player while running the bases. On defense, the “buddy” goes with the player to defensive position, helps player with position by chasing balls, help the player may defensive plays, and assists player to get on and off the field. Assists the player while in the team dugout. Possible that if two games (4 teams) play on any given Saturday, that buddies may work with two different teams. Time commitment for a “full league day – 4 teams, two games) would be about 2 hours. Each game is two innings long with all nine players batting each inning. No strikes/balls. No outs. Last player gets a “home run.” Game ends in a tie. “Everybody wins” and “nobody loses.”

