



Ames Golden K Board Minutes

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January 4, 2018

Present: Bob Sperry, Larry Vallery, Larry Trede, Ron Skrdla, Pete Peterson, Joe Traylor, Bill Shrum, Dennis Smith, Jim Penney.

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Sperry at 8:00 a.m., Boardroom, First United Methodist Church, The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the December 7, 2017 board meeting were approved as distributed by the Secretary. (Motion by Pete Peterson, seconded by Jim Penney. Motion carried.)

The Treasurer's report was given by Ron Skrdla. Account balances on December 31, 2017: Administrative, \$7,613.05; Service, \$12,201.44; \$19,814.49; GK Singers, \$1,235.72. Motion by Trede, seconded by seconded by Penney, that the report be approved as presented. Motion carried. The Foundation's Treasurer's Report was given by Skrdla. Account balance on December 31, 2017: \$20,046.14. Motion by Peterson, seconded by Penney, that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Announcements/Reports.

- 1. Baseball Game, Miracle League.** Skrdla reported on the baseball game. For Game 1, total for 4 innings, contributions for the game are \$6,767.23 plus \$1,000 for an individual member donation. Grand total: \$7,767.23. Game 1 ends today (1/4/18).
- 2. Meeting Program. 1/11/18.** Vallery announced that speaker will be Elizabeth Miner, Ames Community Pre-School Center.
- 3. Division Council Meeting.** Will be 1/13/18, 8:15 am, Green Hills, following Town & Country Meeting. Bill Shrum, Larry Vallery, Larry Trede, Ron Skrdla, and Pete Peterson will attend. (Bob Sperry will be out-of-town).
- 4. Kum & Go Pickup.** Dennis Smith indicated that nothing new to report. Item will be tabled until contacted by MICA or Kum & Go.
- 5. District 2016-2017 Fellowship/Interclub Award Application.** Has been submitted to district. Winner(s) likely announced by District Convention.
- 6. February Board Meeting.** The February board meeting will be held on February 8, 2018, 8:00 AM, FUMC Boardroom.
- 7. Pancake Ticket Sales.** Pete Peterson will assist Dennis Griffin with handling club Pancake Ticket Sales.
- 8. Center Grove Orchard.** Peterson received a letter and check from Center Grove Orchard for \$250 for the work and inconvenience associated with the planned fall work day project. Was cancelled by them. Funds to be deposited in Club Service Account.

Discussion/Action Items.

- 1. 2017-2018 Budget.** Trede distributed a revised 2017-2018 budget with minor correction of 2,000 reduction in poll worker income and \$2000 reduction in charity donation funds from Foundation. Account balances are correct.
- 2. Charity Donation Program – Policy Statement.** Sperry reported on revisions in our club policy statement regarding the Charity Donation Program (shown in red on attachment). Motion by Jim Penney, seconded by Ron Skrdla that the proposed changes be approved. Motion carried.
- 3. Charity Donation Budget.** Sperry reviewed the proposed budget as developed by club officers. Discussion by board that we try to level out the swings in charity donations from year-to-year. Agencies

often plan their needs based upon past donations and helps if we can avoid such large swings in the amount from year-to-year. Proposed budget had several agencies receiving \$1000 donations next year and only received \$350 the prior year. Penney suggested \$750 donations to following: NAMI, MICA, Friendship Ark, Good Neighbor Assistance, YSS (non-Teen Maze), and Food-At-First. Two additions to budget: Ames Community Pre-School Center and Story County Raising Readers (information provided on handout). Both would receive \$500. Anticipated revenues: \$21,850. Anticipated donations: \$20,350 (based upon changes made). Motion by Penney, seconded by Traylor, that the Charity Donation program be approved with these changes: \$750 donations to: NAMI, MICA, Friendship Ark, Good Neighbor Assistance, YSS (non-Teen Maze), and Food-At-First. Motion Carried.

Electronic Vote (1/6/18): Motion Carried.

GK Board:

At our meeting yesterday, we passed a motion to reduce the donations to several agencies from \$1000 to \$750 in order to “level out” over time our charity donation program and also have some budget reserve for future donations. The intent of the motion, as Bob Sperry and I concluded, was to reduce ALL agencies receiving an initial budget amount of \$1000 (except for AKTION Club and Ames Public Library). However, when the actual motion was made, we excluded Bethesda Food Pantry from the list of reductions. Therefore, we need to rectify this by asking for an electronic board vote (especially from those in attendance; Sperry, Vallery, Trede, Skrdla, Peterson, Traylor, Penney) to add Bethesda Food Pantry which would receive a \$750 donation. Those agencies who will then receive a \$750 donation are: NAMI, MICA, Friendship Ark, Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, YSS (Non-Teen Maze), Food-At-First, and Bethesda Food Pantry. Please vote ASAP via reply e-mail. Seven positive votes are needed for the motion to carry. The revised Charity Donation Budget is attached (.pdf) to this e-mail.

- 4. Miracle League – Earn Free Runs Proposal.** Trede presented a proposal to use \$2750 spend down funds on Miracle League by leveraging the \$2500 into possibly \$10,000 in donations. Members would donate \$3 and club would provide an additional \$1 from the spend-down funds. Copy of proposal is attached. Suggested dates of implantation could be immediately, start of Game 3 (February 15th), start of Game 4 (March 22nd). Decision tabled until February board meeting pending donations received during January, 2018.
- 5. Miracle League – Donation to Ames Foundation.** Trede suggested that we make our first donation to Ames Foundation on January 18th when Keith Abraham will be program speaker. Suggested amount: \$7500. Discussion that we should increase the amount to \$10,000. Motion by Traylor, seconded by Vallery, that we donate \$10,000 of raised funds on January 18th. Motion carried.
- 6. Adopt-A-Road.** Gene Pollmann requested that board discuss the Adopt-A-Road Project. County is asking if we want to continue. Motion by Vallery, seconded by Peterson, that we support the Adopt-A-Road project again. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held on February 8, 2018, 8:00 AM, Boardroom, First United Methodist Church.

The meeting was adjourned by Sperry at 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by

Larry Trede
Board Secretary