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March 1, 2018

Present: Bob Sperry, Larry Vallery, Gina Spohnheimer, Larry Trede, Ron Skrdla, Joe Traylor, Pete Peterson, Bill Shrum, Dennis Smith, Jim Penney, Craig Fulton, and John Arthur.

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 March 1, 2018 meeting were approved as distributed by the Secretary. (Motion by Dennis Smith, seconded by Pete Peterson. Motion carried.)

The Treasurer’s report was given by Ron Skrdla. Account balances on March 31, 2018: Administrative Fund - \$6,916.41; Service Fund - \$11,596.44; Total - \$18,512.85. Golden K Singers - \$736.20. Motion by Penney, seconded by Shrum, that the Treasurer’s report be approved as presented. Motion carried. The Foundation’s Treasurer’s report was presented by Skrdla. Account balance on March 31, 2018: \$24,120.42. Motion by Trede, seconded by Vallery, that the Treasurer’s report be approved as presented. Motion carried. \$19,205.22.

Skrdla reported the final figures for the Pancake Days. Total pancake sales: \$6,109.00. Check will be mailed to Ames Noon Club for \$3054.50 (1/2 of total). Member donations: Club - \$506.00; Foundation - \$845.00; Total - \$1,315.00.

### Announcements/Reports.

- 1. Baseball Game, Miracle League.** Skrdla reported on the baseball game. Game 1 thru 3 raised \$12,462.51; Inning 1, Game 4 raised \$1,914.00. Member donations: \$3,075.00; From 2017 Club Budget: \$900.00; Spend-down funds (for “Earn Free Runs”): \$2,100.00 for a total amount raised: \$20,451.51. Trede reported that Game 4 will end on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Game 5 will end on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Discussion on possible termination of baseball game may be at end of Game 5. Possible that might exceed \$25,000 raised for Miracle League by that time. Discussion on having a celebration following the termination of the program. Sperry suggested that we discuss how we might follow-up with fund-raising for sponsoring a team for Miracle League or raising funds for the operation of Miracle League. No final decisions made.
- 2. Kum & Go Food Transport.** G. Spohnheimer reported that 4 members have expressed some interest in participating in the program (similar to Panera Bread Delivery Program). Would likely start this fall. More details later from Kum & Go.
- 3. Club Banner.** Trede reported on the progress of designing the club banner recently purchased. Need pictures of club service and fund-raising programs.
- 4. “Scramble a Meeting.”** Peterson suggested May 10<sup>th</sup> and will coordinate the effort.
- 5. “Special Guest Day – Membership Recruiting.”** Board discussed possible dates for a “Special Guest Day.” G. Spohnheimer indicated June 7<sup>th</sup> program is LEGO group, June 14 – program scheduled; June 21 – Traylor reported GK Singers will be conducting a children’s program in Nevada and Ames. June 28<sup>th</sup> – possible date for Miracle League celebration. Suggested that look a dates in July for “Special Guest Day.”
- 6. Division 11 Council Meeting.** Scheduled for Saturday morning, 8:15 am, Green Hills (following ATACK meeting). Trede, Vallery, Skrdla, and Arthur will attend which will credit us with an interclub.
- 7. Poll Workers – June 5<sup>th</sup> Iowa Primary Election.** Need to circulate sign-up sheets early for delivery to Auditor’s Office. Trede and Skrdla will coordinate. Likely have sign-up sheets on April 19, 26, and May 3<sup>rd</sup> with names forwarded to Auditor after May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 8. Odyssey of Minds.** Scheduled for May 23-26, 2018. Tom Peter will coordinate. Members have already signed up.
- 9. RAGBRAI.** Board discussed possible fund-raising program during RAGBRAI. Ames will be an overnight stop on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Brookside Park will be the headquarters and campgrounds. Downtown Ames will be for food and recreation possibilities. Requires lots of human resources, likely more than our club could handle on its own. Suggested that Lt. Gov. Derner be contacted and ask if other clubs in Division would be interested and it would become a Division 11 fund-raising activity. (Trede will notify Derner).
- 10. NE-IA District Summer Convention.** Will be held in Des Moines, August 11-12<sup>th</sup>. Holiday Inn Airport. Program will have a baseball theme, “World Series Event.” Each club will appoint a “club hitting coach” (an enthusiastic and energetic club member other than President or Secretary) to provide leadership for member recruitment to attend. Program starts on Friday afternoon and concludes sometime on Saturday. More details later.
- 11. Club Meeting – April 26<sup>th</sup>.** We will meet at St. Paul Lutheran. Has been confirmed with St. Paul.

- 12. Summer Enrichment Program.** Peterson indicated that interest is growing in non-profit groups to volunteer for serving meals during the Summer Enrichment Program. Has been in contact with Anne Owens, Ames Volunteer Bureau, regarding our possible interest in volunteering for ½ of the time periods similar to 2017. Consensus by board that we should do this again as a service project. Peterson will follow-up with Volunteer Bureau.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

- 1. Display Ad for Senior Various Show.** Sperry and Trede reviewed to possible suggestions for a display ad. Board consensus that the ad without the picture was preferable and that Secretary's name and phone number be added in contact information about club. Noted that ad would require \$100 donation for a quarter-page ad. Donation approved last month.
- 2. Nominating Committee Report – Officer/Director Election Date.** Peterson presented the slate of officers/directors for 2018-2019 as follows:
  - President – Larry Vallery**
  - President-Elect – Gina Spohnheimer**
  - Vice President – Keith Folkmann**
  - Secretary – Larry Trede**
  - Treasurer – Ron Skrdla**
  - Webmaster – Joe Traylor**
  - Past President – Bob Sperry (automatic)**
  - Director, term expires 9/30/20 – John Arthur**
  - Director, term expires 9/30/20 – Janet Olson**
  - Director, term expires 9/30/20 – Kent Ziebell**

Motion by Trede, seconded by Penney, that the board approve the nominating committee report. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Spohnheimer, seconded by Peterson, that the election of officers/directors will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the regularly scheduled membership meeting. Motion carried.

- 3. Lego League Request.** Peterson reported that the LEGO team will be attending a regional convention in May and is requesting funds for travel. Motion by Peterson, seconded by Vallery, that the club donate \$100 towards the Lego League travel. Motion carried.
- 4. United Way Video.** Sperry indicated that the United Way is requesting a \$150 donation to help the fall with their preparation of a new video. Our club has supported this activity in the past. Motion by G. Spohnheimer, seconded by Arthur that we donate \$150 to United Way for this endeavor. Motion carried.
- 5. Adopt-A-Road.** Gene Pollmann spoke to the Board about the Adopt-A-Road project being conducted today. Due to a health issue, he will be unable to attend. Craig Fulton (board member) will take over for Gene today.

The next board meeting will be held on May 3, 2018, Boardroom, First United Methodist Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am by Sperry.

Submitted by

Larry Trede  
Board Secretary