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November 1, 2018

Present: Larry Vallery, Keith Folkmann, Larry Trede, Ron Skrdla, Joe Traylor, Bob Sperry, Janet Olson, Craig Fulton, Jim Penney, Dennis Smith, John Arthur, and Kent Ziebell

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

Motion by Sperry, seconded by Smith, that the minutes of the October 6th meeting be approved as distributed. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Ron Skrdla. Account balances for the club account on October 31<sup>st</sup> were: Administration, \$8,830.41; Service, \$6,895.29; Total, \$15,725.70; GK Singers, \$568.50. Motion by Penney, seconded by Fulton, that the report be approved as presented. Motion carried. The Foundation's Treasurer's report was given by Skrdla. Account balance on October 31<sup>st</sup> was \$16,658.09. Motion by Arthur, seconded by Trede, that the report be approved as presented. Motion carried.

#### **Announcements/Reports:**

- 1. Holiday Party Plans.** Folkmann announced that “Ames Santa” will be the featured speaker for the Ames GK Holiday Party to be held on December 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, during our regular membership meeting hours. G. Spohnheimer will provide holiday treats, Joe Traylor will lead group singing, and business meeting items will be kept to a minimum. Spouses and guests are invited to attend.
- 2. Teen Maze Steering Committee.** Committee will meet on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. YSS Offices, 420 Kellogg. Trede, Penney, and Norm Scott will attend. Bob Sperry unable to attend.
- 3. Division 11 Council Meeting.** Next meeting is Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 10:30 am, YSS Family Life Center, 125 So. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Trede, Arthur, Skrdla, Folkmann, and Vallery will plan to attend. (counts as an interclub).
- 4. “Meeting Scramble.”** Will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 5. Club Committees/Coordinators.** Trede distributed the final copy of 2019 Club Committee – Coordinators. Minor changes were made. Also, reminded committee chairs and coordinators that each should have a copy of the Member Interest Survey results which lists on committees and activities and members interested in being involved.
- 6. New Member Orientation.** Sperry indicated that a new member orientation session should be scheduled for Laura Linder and Paul Knop. Will pursue as soon as possible.

#### **Discussion/Action Items:**

- 7. Rent Payment Split (FUMC & St. Paul).** Trede distributed a table showing the meeting locations during 2018-2019. Board discussed how the \$1000 should be split between the two churches. Motion by Traylor, seconded by Penney, that payments be as follows: \$750, FUMC; and \$250, St. Paul Lutheran. Motion carried. Payment is for the 2017-2018 Kiwanis year.
- 8. Change in Meeting Location.** Penney indicated that several members have expressed concern about the cost of parking and inconvenience of meeting at FUMC. Also, Calvary Methodist has indicated possible interest in being our meeting location. Discussion by board regarding the advantages/disadvantages of meeting at Calvary as compared to FUMC. Trede indicated that if a move is made, we should not give up anything we presently have at FUMC, i.e., storage closet, A/V equipment, board meeting room, adequate meeting room size (approx. 100 people seated around tables), adequate kitchen/serving equipment/facilities, and comparable rental cost. Folkmann mentioned that St. Paul will undergo major renovation in sanctuary and fellowship and likely be unable for a year once construction begins. Committee appointed by Valley: Vallery, Chair, Trede, Pete Peterson, Duane Brodie, and Dennis Salisbury. They will meet with Calvary personnel and negotiate a proposal for board approval/disapproval.

9. **Financial Review Committee.** Skrdla noted that the Treasurer's books have not been reviewed by a Financial Review Committee and this needs to be done. Vallery appointed the following as a committee to review and report to the board the financial records for club (Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2018) and Foundation (CY 2018). Trede indicated that both reports could be done after January 1, 2018 and reported at the officer/board election in May 2019.
10. **Protocol/Procedure for Emergency Meeting Cancellation and Meeting Location Change.** Board discussed notification procedures for non-email members when meeting location must be changed on very short notice. Procedure: President and/or Secretary notify: (1) Secretary sends a blast e-mail to membership of change, (2) Webmaster posts change on website, and (3) President-elect notifies using a telephone tree to non-email members and members who use email very infrequently and would like telephone notification.
11. **Membership Retention.** Trede shared a list of members who have not been attending meetings on a regular basis or haven't attended for several weeks. Board discussed, and consensus was that if a member misses 3 consecutive meetings, a contact needs to be made. President-elect currently has this responsibility based upon 2019 committee/coordinator list. G. Spohnheimer indicated that she would do the needed calling and will check with affected members concerning how they would like notifications.
12. **Membership Meeting Sign-in Procedures.** Trede indicated that members have slacked off from checking off their name on the registration list clipboard. Board discussed several possibilities and agreed to try a new procedure for a while to see how it works. The sign-in club would remain in its present location and then at the beginning, President would announce at the beginning of the business meeting that the clipboard is being circulated and if a member has not checked in, he/she should check off their name. Should help the club secretary in tracking membership attendance.
13. **Club Nominations for District Awards.** Trede reviewed 3 district awards available for nominations from clubs. (1) Interclub/Public Relations. Ames GK won the award last year and highly unlikely that it would be awarded to same club for two consecutive years. Recommended that Ames GK not apply; (2) Exemplary Club. Club not eligible currently. Lacks a large enough net increase in membership and lacks a club SLP, and (3) Outstanding Club Secretary. Board insisted that Trede should apply. Vallery will take the leadership on filling out the application form.
14. **2019 I-Plan Approval.** Trede provided some background comments and then called upon the following members to lead the discussion: (1) Sperry – Inspiration (Membership); (2) Skrdla – Investment (Finances); (3) Traylor – Image (Website & Public Relations), and (4) Trede – Impact (Service). Following presentations and discussion, motion by Trede, seconded by Skrdla that the 2019 I-Plan be approved and presented to the membership on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried.

The next board meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2018, 8:00 am, Boardroom, First United Methodist Church.

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

Submitted by

Larry Trede  
Club Secretary