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December 6, 2018

Present: Larry Vallery, Keith Folkmann, Larry Trede, Ron Skrdla, Joe Traylor, Bob Sperry, Craig Fulton, 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 Smith, seconded by Folkmann, that the minutes of the November 1, 2018 meeting be approved with correction, as distributed. Motion carried.

The Treasurer’s report was given by Ron Skrdla. For the Club account, the November 30, 2018 balances were: Administration, \$8,071.17; Service, \$7,195.29; total, \$15,266.46; GK Singers, \$468.38. For the Foundation, the November 30, 2018 balance was \$16,438.49. Motion by Arthur, seconded by Sperry, that the Treasurer’s report be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Skrdla indicated that the Ames Country Club has not been paid for the 2018 Officer/Director Installation Banquet. Trede received an e-mail indicated that the unpaid balance is \$1,314.12. The agreed upon amount should have been 73 people attending at \$15/person for a total \$1,095. No support documentation to indicate why the club owed an additional \$219.12. Discussion by board on what should be paid. Also, several board members expressed their dissatisfaction of the unresponsiveness from Country Club staff in answering phone call, returning e-mails, and lack of communication of the staff at the Club. Question was raised as to whether we should attempt to find another location for the banquet. Following discussion, consensus was that Folkmann, Trede, and Skrdla will meet face-to-face with General Manager of Country Club to resolve the differences and express our concern regarding our working relationship with the Country Club. Finding another location for the banquet was tabled for future discussion.

Announcements/Reports:

- 1. Membership Committee.** Sperry reported that the committee is working on an e-mail to contact various organizations, companies, and groups regarding the recruitment of retirees from their company and/or organization. Other recruitment activities are being discussed. Proposals to be presented to the board at its January board meeting.
- 2. Membership Retention.** G. Spohnheimer reported that she has sent out cards to more than 12 members who attend infrequently. Suggestion was made that Christmas greeting cards be circulated next week and mailed to current members who are “home bound” and unable to attend meetings. Weekly attendance sheets are being monitored to identify members who miss meetings on a regular basis.
- 3. Holiday Party Plans.** Folkmann reviewed the agenda for the holiday party to be held next week. Major activities: Santa’s program (Ames Santa), Christmas carols let by Joe Traylor, Christmas humor, Christmas memories by members, voting on our “favorite Christmas treat (provided by G. Spohnheimer). Business meeting limited to very few announcements. Members asked to bring dry goods or canned food for distribution by Santa to food banks in Ames, their favorite Christmas memory, and invite guests, friends, spouses, to attend. Objective: a festive occasion with lots of fun and goodies.
- 4. Teen Maze Update.** Trede reported on the meeting that N. Scott and he attended about Teen Maze. Dates: 3/31/19 – 4/5/19. Budget: \$15K, \$9K carryover, \$4K needed from Division 11 clubs. CVS providing a grant. 11 schools agreed to participate. More will be asked.
- 5. Holiday Meeting Cancellation and Member Responsibilities.** Trede will send out an e-mail to members who have responsibilities during the two-week period that we will not meet.
- 6. January Program Newsletter.** Trede announced that it will be sent out prior to December 13th meeting.
- 7. Potential New Member.** John Hill, ATACK member has indicated interest in joining. Trede asked for information regarding his sponsor. Dennis Senne is apparently his sponsor and his application needs to be prepared and membership to our club be switched. Trede will proceed.

Discussion/Action Items:

- 8. 2019 Charity Donation Program and Club Budget.** Skrdla and Trede reviewed the 2018 Charity Donation Budget in preparation for a board survey to determine priorities for the 2019 program. Consensus that no changes in the 2018 list of charities was needed. Board members will be asked to complete the rating survey for 2019 priorities and return their list to Trede by December 13th. Results will be summarized and presented to the board at the January 2019 board meeting. Also, Skrdla and Trede will have a suggested budget for 2019 for board review at the January board meeting.
- 9. Meeting Location Change.** Vallery discussed the site committee review meeting with two members of the Board of Trustees of the Calvary Methodist Church. Board discussed the pros and cons of this site becoming the weekly meeting site for GK using the notes prepared by Trede. At the end of the discussion, motion by Sperry, seconded by Smith that the Calvary Methodist Church did not meet the needs of GK for its weekly meetings and that further discussions with them would cease. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held on January 3, 2019 in the Boardroom, FUMC.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Larry Trede
Board Secretary