

Penn Yan Rotary Club
Board Meeting April 11, 2017 Minutes

Present: Diane Krans, Sandi Perl, Stacy Wyant, Sue Andersen, Tom May, Leon Fontier, Bob Smith, Rob Schwarting, David Graham, and Patrick Tolbert. Meeting called to order by Co-President Tom at 8:07 a.m. This will be the regular meeting site for Board meetings: Training Room at Community Bank, Main Street, Penn Yan,

Approval of Minutes –Motion to approve the February 14, 2017 meeting minutes was made by Rob, second by Bob. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Sue handed out the Treasurer’s Report ending March 31, 2017.

- ⊗ She transferred \$1,000 from Savings this month to checking.
- ⊗ Evelyn Emerson, Sue Andersen and Stacy Wyant have each turned in ticket monies. Members should be encouraged to get the tickets or money turned in to Bob Smith.
- ⊗ Expenses included guest lunch payments to Top of the Lake, District Training Assembly expenses, Officer supplies and P.O. Box rent.
- ⊗ Finger Lakes Wine Festival checks from Miles Wine Cellars and Top of the Lake.
- ⊗ Final bills paid to cover the Benches built as part of our District Simplified Grant.
- ⊗ Sona’s monthly stipend was paid for March and April.

Account balances:	Operating account	\$ 1,360.00
	Savings account	\$ 4,067.53
	CD renewed for	\$ 5,499.05
	Restricted acct at Community Bank	\$18,038.20

Diane moved the Treasurer’s Report be approved, second by Leon. Motion carried.

Anticipated bills through year end include:

- ⊗ YEX fee for Sona to attend District Conference approximately \$500.
- ⊗ Sona’s stipend for May and June –\$200.

Executive Meeting minutes review from April 3, 2015.

- ⊗ **New member:** Approval of Deborah Scharf’s application for membership. Plan to induct on April 25th, 2017.
- ⊗ **Red Book Shelves:** Literacy chair for 2017-2018 will be Bob Shrader. The consensus at the Executive Committee was that Community Bank can be a “holding” place for books and each bookshelf should have a specific individual responsible for a site. Sue said the two that need the most servicing are Penn Yan Elementary and St. Michael’s school. Bob Smith suggested maybe Interact could get involved. Sue noted the books need placed during school hours. Diane made a sign that may be affixed at each site that Penn Yan Rotary maintains. Sue will send us a list of sites.

- ⊙ **Dues increase:** At the February Board meeting a motion was made and approved to increase dues to \$175/year. The procedure according to the By Laws is to give written notice of dues increase to every member, generally done simultaneously with a proposed budget. With that notice and a date certain where a vote will be taken, if 66.67% approve the increase it will take effect on July 1, 2017. This will be scheduled as part of the Change Over Dinner on June 20th at the Showboat,
- ⊙ **2017-2018 Positions:** Leon has most of his positions for 2017-2018 filled. He has not heard back from Ryan regarding Vice President.
- ⊙ **Club donation to Walk for Water:** Leon set up a fundraising account as a sub account of HTS Congo at Community Bank. To date, \$500 seed money was put in by HTS Congo but not the Keuka Lake Outlet or Penn Yan Rotary. The Walk for Water will occur on September 16, 2017. It will kick off from the Boat launch site in Penn Yan. There are seven committee members meeting every two weeks: Gwen Chamberlain, Leon Fontier, Bob Shrader, Jeff Krans, Jackie Shrader, Sandie Minster and Diane Krans. Sandie will coordinate water activities for children and Sarah Crevelling will have a literacy “reading” event.

Interact: Interact met Sunday at the Showboat and Rotarian John Socha ran a program on Etiquette. Nine students attended and it was well received. John did a great job. They selected officers for next year. They will meet one more time in June. They have their gardening event at Clinton Crest Manor on May 21st. They still need some money to do the whole job. Tom moved that Rotary donate \$200 toward this project, second by Leon. Motion approved.

Rotaract: No report

Scholarships: Penn Yan Rotary will award three scholarships: two for Interact and one to a student following a vocational focus for technical education. Tom or Sandi will present these awards.

Penn Yan Middle School request: A teacher in the 7th grade asked that Penn Yan Rotary fund about 117 books for her 7th graders. She calls this program a “Book tasting” where they pick from selected titles and reads the book. Last year the feedback was they would have liked to keep and own their book. There are nine titles to select from and the prices vary. But the approximate request is for \$1,000. Bob suggested the teacher ask the School District to purchase the books. Diane noted that the District was very generous to us when we hosted the District Training Assembly last year. Sue moved to support the purchase of these books in an amount not to exceed \$1,000. Second by Diane. Motion approved.

Arbor Day: Rob reported that he has worked with Brent Bodine of the Village of Penn Yan and now proposes placing two flowering chestnuts, one at Emmanuel Baptist and the other at St. Michael’s. They will cost \$119 each. The Village needs a volunteer to water the trees once they are planted throughout the first year. Dyke Smith and Steve Miller will dig the holes for the trees. An additional tree will be planted at the Penn Yan Elementary and should cost less and will be purchased from a tree vendor Rob uses. The cost should come to less than \$300.

Flights of Fancy:

- ⊗ The tent vendor has offered to have clear sides and provide extras that will be nice.
- ⊗ We will share the cost of the band on Friday night with the Hampton Inn which is a wedding band and plays jazz. On Saturday night it will be the same band as last year playing mostly jazz.
- ⊗ Rob reported Carol has 8 chefs and six restaurants and 19 to 21 wineries.
- ⊗ Rob will be building a platform to cover the rock hole. Tickets will be sold here and wine purchased to go will be picked up here.
- ⊗ Rob is having trouble with NYS regarding the liquor license.
- ⊗ Sue said don't forget the Chamber needs space at the Entrance. Rob said maybe a pop up tent. She said the Chamber has many giveaways.
- ⊗ Tom explained that a shuttle service will be provided from the three hotels in the Village. Keuka Taxi provided a quote of \$630 but Teresa Vivier gave us a \$100 discount. Yates Transit did not respond with a price. It will run on Saturday only. Penn Yan Rotary signed a contract with Keuka Taxi for this service for six hours of service \$530.

Change Over Dinner: The Showboat Motel and Restaurant on June 20, 2017 for a cost of \$30 per person.

Paul Harris Award: Two or three awards might be given out. A committee of John Socha, Tom Hunt, Tom May, Sandi Perl and Jeff Krans will work on awardees. A community award will certainly be given. Points are available from the club and several members have offered points.

Correspondence:

- ⊗ **Fish Fry Rick Thurston:** Tom received a request from Rick Thurston to hold a fish fry at Community Bank to support Camp Onseyawa. After a discussion Tom will decline. Next year Leon can do it if he wishes.
- ⊗ **Penn Yan Youth Baseball:** Asked for a donation, no.
- ⊗ **Yates County Fair:** Asked for a donation, no.
- ⊗ **Yates County Concert in the Park Series:** Request to support this summer program at the Courthouse each Wednesday for a payment of \$200. In the past it has been \$50. Sandi will contact Scarlet Emerson regarding this, but \$200 is too much at this time.
- ⊗ **Operation Graduation:** Sent a thank you for our donation.

Funds voted to expend at this meeting:

⊗ Scholarships:	\$	1,500
⊗ Walk for Water	\$	500
⊗ Interact:	\$	200
⊗ PYMS books:	\$	1,000
⊗ Arbor Day:	\$	300
▪ Total	\$	3,500

Meeting adjourned 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Diane G. Krans, Secretary