

September 27, 2007

Board Meeting minutes.

Board Members present:

Ann Revis

Connie Schroder

Jan Bleich

Debbie Dugan

Max Middendorf

Randy Hires-Pres.

Absent-Chuck Barber Sec.

Absent-Roberta Dolbeare Tres.

Called to order.

No Sec. report was read and no Treas. report was read for obvious reasons.

Randy brought up that Jan Bleich had given him a couple of ideas for matching grant money projects for District 6460. One was Habitat for Humanity and the other was Pike Co. Unmet Needs program. Debbie Dugan moved which was seconded by Connie Schroder that Pres. pitch to the club possibly helping Habitat for Humanity.

Randy read a email from Eric Dolbeare regarding Casa Hogar (email is as follows)

*Dear Eric:*

*We are about to finish the matching grant # 60163 for Casa Hogar de Ojinaga. Pretty soon you will receive the project closed report. We would like to know if you have any scheduled trip to visit the shelter, or have visited recently. We would be very pleased to meet with you there.*

*As you will see, we feel that the purpose of the Matching Grant was achieved, and the shelter received from our clubs and also from other sources a lot of help providing a very good level for the children. We are preparing a project for a similar shelter at Chihuahua City. This Shelter is named Casa Abrigo, and it has 30 children between 4 and 14 years old. The main purpose of this shelter is to provide education, including school and a home to children whom their parents can't provide even the elementary needs. This will keep them away from the streets (Main purpose of the Shelter), and will provide a better life for them. Most of the children are Tarahumara Indians that were brought by their parents to the City looking for a better life, and failed in the try. The Shelter has now covered the Food and clothes, and we want to provide them with ten computers for their homework and classes, desks, printers and other equipment for the kitchen, something very similar to the Ojinaga project.*

*We wish like to have you with us in this new MG. If we achieve \$2000 from your club \$2500 from our club, \$2000 each district, and the respective TRF contribution, we could achieve the goal with a grand total of \$14750 USD. We would appreciate if you talk with you current president and give us a response (We would like to have his e-maill as well).*

*If you have any question regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

*Yours in Rotary.*

*Manuel Cantu*

*Chihuahua Amigo R C.*

*President 2007-2008*

Was brought up by Max that he has some old computers which he could donate. Jan said she had some also and Pres. forwarded to Max the email contact for Manuel Cantu for him to check into possibly donating computers to them.

**Next Pres. read a email from Brenda Middendorf (email as follows)**

*Randy,*

*The Access Illinois Outdoors is operating the Access Food project again this year for Pike County. Last year the Rotary Club gave a very generous donation of \$500 to support this program. From what outfitters and local taxidermists have indicated, we anticipate doing even more deer than last year. Would Rotary consider funding this program again? I think everyone is pretty familiar with how the program works, but let me know if you need any more information. We appreciate your consideration of this request and the support you have provided in the past.*

*Thanks,*

*Brenda L. Middendorf  
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**Was discussed and purposed by Ann and seconded by Debbie that we check with Roberta to see about allowing \$750 for this project this year. Was unanimously voted upon by board.**

**Lastly Pres. showed a letter from Pike Co. Chamber asking for help with one of several items. (see items below)**

*24 pamphlet display rack \$284*

*6 pamphlet/3 magazine display rack \$195*

*New Pike County Plat map – (framed) \$249.95  
Has the updated 911 addressing system*

*36"x48" Bulletin Board - \$98.55*

**Jan said she'd investigate what items they needed from the list exactly and if other service organizations had already filled some of them and report back to the club.**

Meeting was adjourned to the front lawn of the funeral home where Max proceeded to amaze onlookers with his mastery of lawn darts. (Pic to be soon posted to Rotary Website) The club will be receiving a bill shortly from a Mrs. Tuttle who's 1998 Buick received moderate damage from several lawn darts. (Footnote: I didn't know Max could run that fast...police are still searching for him...was last seen running west on 54.)