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Minutes

Meeting conducted at Fifty Grand Restaurant

Members present: Carol, Margaret, Eric, Christa, Ken, Jack, Jim, Dave, Dennis, Cathy (H)

Guests: Jeanne Harper, Elizabeth Mallinson, Ming Mark

Guest speaker: Mitch Mark

President Eric called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Guests were introduced. Ming Mark is married to guest speaker Mitch Mark, and helped with the presentation.

Two bits, four bits....dollar: Dave acknowledged and congratulated Ken on being a nominee for Senior Citizen of the Year, an award bestowed by the County of El Dorado. His service with the Rotary Club was one of the factors mentioned in his nomination. He noted with humor that in his high school yearbook, he was listed as "Most Typical." Carol contributed to note the number of awards our club had gotten at the recent District Conference. Christa showed off her Spelling Bee 2016 T-shirt. This one is brighter than most. She also noted that three of the Camino School team members are Interact members. Also, at a recent school event, a third grader did a program that featured the Rotary donated dictionaries. Jim donated to note that at the recent District Conference, he had heard Dave use a naughty word. He gave no hints as to what the word was. Dennis noted that his daughter was

awarded as Teacher of the Year at her high school. Ken donated to note two things: [1] a Recent article in Foothill STYLE magazine on six neighborhoods that are desirable to live in. One of the neighborhoods is the Gold Ridge Forest development. The photographs included a photo of the Rotary Book Box, located at the Gold Ridge Lodge. And [2] Ken related a comment by Jeanne Harper, Executive Director of CEDAPP, who noted that at the recent Arbor Day Festival at the old Pollock Pines Schoolhouse, the high school Interact students had demonstrated leadership, and the ability to operate with minimal oversight, while managing their assigned duties working with kid activities.

Crystal Basin Wine Tent Sponsorship question: Dave advised us that he had done some research. In a situation such as has been proposed, it is required that the non-profit sponsor get a minimum 20% share of any profits, and Mike Owen, the winery owner, had agreed. Dave suggested an alternative of a fixed minimum of \$500, or 20%, whichever is greater.

The booth would run three days, and a club member would have to have an active presence at all times. That presents a significant logistics issue for our small club membership. Christa noted that sponsorship at the fair requires an additional insurance endorsement. Christa is also concerned about the Rotary image since it would not be a Rotary booth, but rather a commercial venture's booth.

After consideration of the things he had learned doing his research, and from comments made during the meeting, Dave believes that the proposed sponsorship has too many complications and uncertainties. Carol suggested that we put off further discussion until the club assembly meeting.

Evening In The Orchard Alternative Sites: Dave has done some research and had comments on sites he had been to. It is difficult to duplicate Rainbow Orchards. Dave established a rough ranking of possible sites. He gave madrona a 4, Crystal Basin a 3-4, Grace Patriot a 6 except for the parking difficulty, LavaCap an 8-9 (they will only serve their wine), the Log Cabin Cafe an 8 (buffet, one dish). He will continue to research.

Fundraiser concept: Jim wanted to introduce a concept that he admits he has not yet fully thought out. The idea is to pre-sell Apple Hill pies, then deliver them to club members in the Reno area, at planned events. It is the farm-to-table concept. The Pies would be picked up and delivered the same day.

Cub Scout Camp assistance: Seven boys want to go to the camp. The total need is \$686 to supplement what has been raised. Carol suggested emailing all members to see what individual club members would like to donate to raise as much as \$500. Also, Rotary will donate two free booth spaces at the flea market so that they can help raise their funds. Jeanne Harper of CEDAPP let members know that CEDAPP would be willing to help make up the difference needed.

Guest Speaker: Mitch Mark is an educator. He has developed a math skills and physical education concept and application called Math Facts Fitness, that requires that students work out math concepts in the four basic areas, and do exercises, as part of a competition. Facilitators can use an electronic tablet, or flash cards. After an introduction, Mark had club members participate in some exercises using his tablet. Members agreed that the application got heart rates up, while sharpening skills. Jeanne Harper, an educator and Professor at Brandman University, noted that the application applies some of the principles of the latest brain research into learning. There is an apparent direct link between learning, and oxygen supply to the brain during and shortly after physical exertion.

The program is designed for summer learning. It is now in use in El Dorado County schools. It can be found at Studysmart.com.

Total to Polio Plus: \$21. Total to membership 50/50 : \$15

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Kenneth Harper, Secretary