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Minutes of the Meeting

Meeting conducted at Sportsman's Hall

Members present: Carol Abbanat, Eric Bonnicksen, Christa Campbell, Martin Fine, Ken Harper, Jim Maroun, Rich Mason, Kevin Monsma, Dave Rogers, Dennis Staller,

Guests: Judy Morris, Pat Kernan

Guest Speaker: Matt Smith

The meeting was called to order by President Eric at 8 am.

Two bits...dollar: Eric donated to celebrate his son starting for his college baseball team. Ken donated to celebrate a fun vacation in England, even with very narrow roads and driving on the left side of the road.

Fuzzy donated to celebrate having been received proclamations from the California State Assembly, presented by Assembly member Beth Gaines, and Trish Sweeney, a Field Representative for Assemblyman Frank Bigelow, and from the California State Senate, having to do with bringing the World Gold Panning Championships to El Dorado County in 2016. The presentations were made at a meeting of the planning group for the event. He also felt that the planning meeting had been a very good one.



Matt Smith donated and related a funny ski story.

Ken donated again to celebrate a successful visit by Fuzzy in his persona of Santa Claus, and dealing quite skillfully with a very shy, and very recently ill young girl, on her first night living in Pollock Pines.

Mail call: All mail was to Eric and Kevin.

Other business: Jim suggested that our club confer with other clubs in our district to see if we want to purchase a joint Rotary information booth at the Gold Week celebration, which will be centered at the El Dorado Fairgrounds.

Carol suggested that members find ways to distribute their issues of the Rotarian magazine after they have read it. Leaving copies in waiting rooms of businesses was suggested by Christa.

Dictionary project: Fuzzy announced that we will meet at 9:45 am next week at Pinewood School where the first presentations of dictionaries to third graders will be made. After that school will come lunch, then Camino School at 12:45. It was noted by someone in the group that our dictionary costs \$10, and could retail for \$20. A number of club members had stories about past dictionary presentations, and former students who talked about having gotten their dictionaries years later.

Guest speaker: Matt Smith, Superintendent, Camino Unified School District

Matt's presentation focused on the need for funding to make necessary repairs and upgrades on the Camino Schools campus. The campus houses Camino Elementary School, Camino Middle School, the Camino Sciences and Natural Resources Charter School, and the special education school. The elementary school was built in 1952. Because of its age, the school facilities have health and safety, and ADA issues. The district must exhaust local funding potential before the State of California will contribute any more funds, and is proposing a bond issue. Matt wants the community and the school to see that each is important to the other. The school board has not yet decided on whether to try to put a bond issue on the ballot. So far, they have gotten 80% positive feedback from the public on the idea. They have experienced some difficulty contacting some community members by telephone.

Martin suggested presenting the proposal by showing the low cost of added property tax per household to get over the tendency of many people to not pay any more taxes. Matt noted that an FAQ will be developed to try to answer anticipated questions. Martin suggested putting it on a one page brochure with an explanation of the significant need.¹ The district is now working with the CCAC and other Camino community groups, and is getting some support from SMUD.

Dave asked about giving priority to local contractors for the work. Any contractor must be on a state approved list, and not all local contractors have bothered to do so. In Kevin's experience, some small contractors cannot meet the state's requirements.

Pat Kernan complimented Matt and the teachers for helping to minimize salary issues.

Bathrooms are the biggest source of negative comment by visitors, with the parking lot running second. Both are old, suffering from damage because of age and weather, and out of ADA compliance.

District Governor meeting: The board will meet with the DG at Fifty Grand Restaurant next week at 4 pm. The regular club meeting will start at 6:30 (6:00 social hour)

Strikes for Scholars: Jim and Eric will take the lead. They are now making changes to the fliers. Sponsorships will be run through the Foundation to make them tax deductible as qualifying donations. We will consider a \$200 lane donation option. They will need a raffle organizer. Eric will visit the issue later.

The next Interact breakfast will be February 13th.

2 bits- four bits, etc, \$18.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 am

Respectfully submitted:

Kenneth Harper, Secretary