

RKC (Rosemead Kiwanis Club) Satellite Meeting Minutes – 05/20/2015

Overview:

Attendance (8):

Kiwanians (6) – Bob Bruesch, Pat Foltyn, Art Landing, Carol Mahoney,
Don Quick, Sue Yamamoto

Don Bosco Key Club – None (reason unknown)

Rosemead High School Key Club (2) – Christine Le

San Gabriel High School Key Club – None (finals)

Muscatel Builders Club – None (Finals)

Garvey/Temple Builders – None (date miscommunication)

Guest(s) – None

Opening sequence:

Don Quick, Pledge of Allegiance;

Pat Foltyn, invocation

Announcements

International Convention – this will be held for 2015 in Indianapolis at the end of June. Pat Foltyn, Art Landing, Elizabeth Landing, Mario Manzano, Jan Robertson and Ron Robertson will be attending. Convention workshops will be focusing on the new “The Formula” club development series, “signature projects” and informational sessions about the proposed dues increase.

KI bylaw amendments - In addition to electing new International officers delegates will be considering and voting upon a number of by-law amendment resolutions. Included will be ones dealing with

- 1) Online voting
- 2) Satellite meetings
- 3) International Dues increase and future changes

Satellite meetings - it was noted by Art Landing that these were started as a test in 2007. However, current KI bylaws preclude more than one Club meeting per week. They have had therefore to technically operate as Committees even though in practice they function like regular luncheon meetings.

The proposed bylaw change gives satellite meetings full “official status” and permits clubs to have more than one meeting per week – which is what having both a satellite meeting and a luncheon meeting in the same week entails. This amendment recognizes the success of an approach which the RKC, along with many other clubs, has helped pioneer. Now we are looking at a possible second, online, satellite.

Pat Foltyn asked if anyone had input on either online voting or the increase in dues which will be discussed at the International Kiwanis Convention.

Voting - it was noted that some feel online voting might diminish attendance at conventions. This is because the opportunity to discuss and vote on items is one of the reasons for attending conventions. However, with the Internet the cost savings is significant and since convention workshops can be recorded multi-club meetings at the District region level might be more in line with today's technology.

Dues changes - it was noted that there are actually two proposals: one for a current adjustment and the second a formula for ongoing increases. It has been several years since an increase was granted. This is due at least partially to mixed reviews on the correlation of local club expectations and the quality and nature of support from Indianapolis. .

Signature projects – Community Affairs Committee Chair Bob Bruesch shared two “signature project” proposals

- 1) **Water Conservation Project** – this would involve a piece of property near the Bitely Elementary School. This property was acquired by the Garvey School district from the city but can't be developed due to location and small size. . Bob's idea is to turn the property into a chaparral-landscaped park with Kiwanis sponsor ship. Active involvement of our SLP groups in the development and possibly sustaining of it would be anticipated. The resulting mini-park would be an ongoing real life example to students of the future and their parents of landscaping which can be done to conserve water and till be attractive..
- 2) **Health Fair** – A previous Health Fair, held at the now closed Duff Elementary school near Garvey Park, was a very successful community event. Bob's idea is to have another with booths from different organizations. Included would be a book giveaway, parent/child workshops, bike safety program, inline skating demos, etc.

This would be a long range project, targeted for the fall, probably September, of 2016. City would need to approve so it becomes a city project. School District would need to be approached as well. Bob will speak to the superintendent. Pat Foltyn noted that there were many school grants that could be applied for. The RHS Key Club expressed interest. Support is needed before proceeding because at least 7 months planning needs to be done. Projected date of event is Sept 2016.

Advisor change – Don Quick announced that he would be stepping down as chief advisor to the Rosemead High School Key Club after serving for three years. He will continue as a Kiwanian plus acting as a chaperone for selected Key Club events and working with both Key Club and the RKC on specific projects. He is working on finding a replacement.

Reports

RHS KEY - Christina Le

The Committee system for RHS is still under development as is the summer activity and meeting schedule. RHS Key is involved in a Longo Toyota fundraising event. The club gets \$500 for volunteering to help.

D-Con Meeting support –

Carol Mahoney confirmed that it has been historic RKC policy to pay 1/3 of the total non-meal cost of convention attendance for our sponsored Key Club members (RHS and Don Bosco). This subsidization includes registration, lodging, transportation and chaperones. The sponsored Key Clubs are responsible to raise 1/3 and individual members attending are responsible to contribute 1/3. Pat Foltyn noted that the San Gabriel Club contributes a flat dollar amount for its sponsored clubs.

The third/third/third contribution pattern potentially gives the most per attendee support to our sponsored youth. However, to operate at optimal effectiveness a timeline needs to be observed. Projected costs need to be determined by October, Club member decisions to participate need to be made by November and the deposit of Key Clubber funds need to be made by a date certain (early December is recommended).

This timeline is needed because it is possible early in the fiscal year to make budgetary adjustments if more than a projected number of members are going to attend. It is however, needful to avoid allocating funds which could be used elsewhere and then have potential attendees drop out. .

Financial and College Planning Workshop --- It was suggested by Bob, supported by others in the room (including Carol, Pat and Cristina) that this is vitally needed by Key Club members and other interested students.

Why?

Because these type of classes are not being offered at the schools. As a result students do not know how to plan financially for college, do not have the information they need to minimize or even avoid student debt and are easy prey to easy credit purveyors of credit cards and student loans. Both of these frequently have exceptionally high interest rates and the latter cannot be negated by bankruptcy.

Rosemead Kiwanis, both through partnership with others and proprietary resources of our own (such as documented at kiwanscoolstuff.com) is uniquely positioned to help in this area.

Future Opportunities Schedule

None yet submitted for this period

The forgoing information compiled from satellite meeting notes taken by Kiwanian Sue Yamamoto plus information from other sources