

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was held at The Clinton Country Club and was called to order at 6:32 pm.

**Welcome Visitors or Guests;**

We welcomed Sandy Voss .

**Rotarians in Attendance:**

Renee Szewczyk, Michael Richards, Ted Eastwood,, Maria Varga , Dick Mason, Tony Raucei, Linda Gworek.

**Mail/Communications/Minutes of Previous Meeting**

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting made and seconded.

The minutes were approved.

**Rotary Minute:**

Renee shared a “minute” about time.

**New Business:**

Sandy Voss asked to be invited to tonight's meeting. She spoke about how much Rotary has been involved in joint projects in the past; food drives, easter baskets, foster family breakfast, etc. She spoke especially about the Rotary Cancer Relief fund walk. She came to us at this meeting asking specifically for our endorsement to hold this event again. She felt there was a renewed interest of people in the community to hold and help out at the event. It would be a way to honor and remember two key players in the history of this walk; Jim Beardsley and Rich Onofrio. All proceeds would go to the Cancer Relief fund . There was discussion about this proposal. Points raised were that our account at the present time is healthy and seeking sponsors for this might pull those sponsors from other fundraisers we have . We need to continue to replenish our Rotary operating fund . She spoke about our

history of supporting the Cancer Center Library at Middlesex and that opportunities exist at the new Cancer Center at the Shoreline Clinic. Many patients can receive services offered there to help to deal with the pain and fallout of the disease. ie: massage, reflexology , etc.

There was a motion and a second to support Sandy's request to sanction a Clinton Rotary Cancer Relief fund walk. It was approved , with one abstention.

**Fundraisers:**

no discussion

**Projects/Services:**

Final report for the Thanks for Giving Food Drive: along with the food collection, and food cards , a total of **\$11,674** was received by the Shoreline Food Pantries. Total amount that was raised by Rotary was **\$7,716.25** . The Liberty Bank Foundation matched it with a total of \$1,929.06 . An additional \$ 2,029.25 was added by Liberty Bank from matching funds that were not expended from last year. The \$11, 674 will now be matched by the Gowrie Group. Thank you acknowledgements need to be sent to our identified donors

Sandy informed group that if we wish, toddler toys are needed for the Tree of Giving at the Shoreline clinic. There has been an influx of pediatric patients.

**Other:**

Discussion about the invitation for a Holiday Cocktail party at Stanton house from 6:00 - 8:30pm with the Madison Rotary on Dec 8th. Reservations must be made by November 29th. Price is \$30 a person and it includes appetizers and open bar. Renee will get the number ( by Wednesday before Thanksgiving) and let Mike Perry know.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm with the four way test.

Respectfully recorded, Linda Gworek

