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ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

October 30, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1915 hrs. by President, Robert Turkington. Motion was made/seconded (Johnston/Robertson) to accept the minutes from the July 31, 2017 Association Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- The Fourth Quarter 2017 Report reflects income of \$4,726 and expenses of \$4,811 for the resulting mainly from Brick and Department Picnic transactions. Checkbook balance as of 10/31/17 is \$18,092. Toys for Tikes Ameriprise Accounts show a balance of \$34,486 and checkbook of \$4,832. \$1,934 has been spent for early toy purchases for the 9-12 age group.

Motion was made/seconded (Fischer/Maguda) to accept the Treasurer Report as presented.

Communications & Bills:

- Thank you cards were received from Dick Bowman during recent illness and Warren Boulette (passing of his mom) for the baskets sent.

Good & Welfare:

- Dick Bowman reported normal activity.

Toys for Tikes:

- Final Sort and set up will be Sunday, December 17th beginning @ 9:00
- Delivery will be on Monday, December 18th beginning @ 18:00
- Letters requesting donations have been mailed to local businesses.
- Additional toys have been purchased for the 9-12 year olds.
- The committee will be shopping and toys will be ordered on November 11, 2017.

Charitable Funds Committee: Nothing to report

Department Gala:

- The 2018 event will be hosted by ET-441. It will be held at the Elks Lodge on March 24, 2018. Little Marks is the planned caterer at an estimated ticket price of \$35 p/person. There was discussion that this price may be on the high side.

Comedy Show: On hold.

Department Picnic:

- The family picnic was held on Saturday, September 16th, at Camp Newhoca. The mayor was able to secure \$1,500 for the event. This free event resulted in 130 attendees and a great time was had by all. The Chief informed that some guidance should have been given to the committee for spending. For next year, the event may focus more on inclusion of different food and not so much on prizes.

Recognition Walkway:

- Jean Gauthier reported construction of the walkway has begun and anticipated to complete in early November. 98 bricks were purchased for the first round. New brick purchases will be conducted annually. A dedication ceremony will be announced at a later date.

Department Bus Trip:

- Dan Robertson suggested scheduling a 2018 holiday bus trip to NYC; possibly for a show. He was given the ok to investigate and plan accordingly.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Upcoming Event:

- Toys for Tikes delivery on Monday, December 18th.

Good of the Order:

- The next Quarterly meeting (and Annual Meeting) will be held on Monday, January 29, 2018. Discussions should be held within companies to find interest for new representatives to hold officer or committee positions. Encourage members to think about a planned succession and training phase.

Motion was made/seconded (Fischer/Eppler) to adjourn the meeting at 20:00.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Carpenter, Secretary