

Education Committee Meeting Minutes of 4 APRIL 2017

In attendance:

Todd Taylor, Emily Oliver, Michel Tharp, Don Stanger, Marge Nordstrom, Brady Surlles, Shannon Leskin, David Reese, BC Dash, Guest Richard Lemke

Met in Duke CE Building and on line via Blue Jeans.

Agenda:

- Special Guest: Richard Lemke presentation on the use of technology for kids undergoing medical treatment. Telerobotics.

- RYLA update. Just to make sure Chris still has all the drivers he needs.
- YEX. Brief discussion on status. We need to find new coordinators.
- Update on the discussion with Bert L'Homme (DPS input) notes attached.
- Rangers update.
- VTC update.
- Our own committee search for a Chair, Co-Chair and Communication person.
- Your thoughts around the Education Committee presentation at the end of year celebration. We will discuss the Trade Show idea.

Minutes:

1. This meeting was held to cover the March meeting which was moved to deconflict with the Foundation Dinner at Nana's.
2. AREA BUSINESS: Area Youth Committee meeting meets 17 April.
3. CLUB Business:
 - a. RYLA is all set for this year. BC honored Chris with Special Recognition at the 3 April Meeting for his ongoing outstanding support of this Rotary initiative. Well deserved Chris.
 - b. YEX – In summary, we need to talk up a couple of folks to take on the role of YEX advisors. We discussed that since the club wishes to scale the support of YEX to only supporting existing students from other clubs, this is the ideal time for someone to volunteer and learn the ropes without the pressure of having a student to be totally responsible for. Talk this up. Who do you know?
 - c. Possible initiative brought up by Bert D'Lomme. Establish a Rotary "Pulitzer" for civic journalism. Create the criteria and award to recognize young journalists in the existing submissions to their school papers. This could be a fun project. Since nothing exists nor is expected, it is a blank slate for someone to work on. Who do you know? Let's get a small group fired up. Marge and Shannon felt this would be a great idea to pitch to new members and is a perfect "for instance" to pitch to the new members via the new introduction scheme that Membership has established.
 - d. Rangers
 - i. We have signed up for over 14% of the available slots at YE Smith.
 - ii. We will ask all Rangers to tell us how many kids they have worked with so we don't have to rely on the school to let us know those numbers. The school will

easily be able to tell us how many hours were invested in the school. This is an important number as it demonstrates our effort the best.

- e. VTC. This year was a huge success thanks to the efforts and connections of Michel Tharp. His friend Dr. Shah inspired not only the local kids but enlightened the kids in Ahmedabad that some of their own traditions are disappearing. Great program. DPS covered it this year, and it was posted on DPS Facebook and in the Herald Sun. Work has begun to conduct another session in the Fall with kids in South Africa and we will continue with kids in India in the Spring. London is also interested in getting on board. Growth and interest is always a good sign.
- f. OUR Committee. Needs leadership. Who do you know? Talk it up.
 - 1. Remember this is what we are looking for: It was determined that we should re-structure as follows.
 - a. Chairman -
 - i. Responsibility
 - 1. Run the meetings
 - 2. Be the liaison with the board
 - b. Co-Chairman
 - i. Responsibility
 - 1. Coordinate information to be communicated internally.
 - a. Set Meeting Agenda
 - b. Record Minutes
 - c. Work with Chair on what goes to the board
 - c. Communications Person
 - i. Coordinate external communications
 - 1. Press
 - 2. Get Photo coverage of events
 - 3. Send information to Club communications team
- g. Trade Show idea for the end of the year.
 - i. BC intends to have each committee present information on tables at the final meeting. The idea will be for committees to show
 - 1. Who they are
 - 2. What they have done
 - 3. What they intend to do
 - 4. How someone can get involved.
 - ii. Part of the meeting will be devoted to allowing club members to circulate and see all the initiatives the club does. Prospective members and new members would get a good idea what is available and where they could plug in.
 - iii. The Education Committee will essentially present the information from the club website. We have some pretty good information. Please take a look at your particular area and update the information if it is not accurate. Again, does your area tell a new person clearly what you do and what they could do to help?

- iv. The Education Committee supported this idea and thought it was a great way to show off the club.
 - v. Does anyone want to assist Todd in putting our stuff together?
4. Special Presentation
- a. Richard “Rick” Lemke presented the idea of VGo, a robot that goes to school in the place of students stuck in hospitals with serious illness. Some kids needing a bone marrow transplant can miss over a year of school and find themselves behind socially. These VGo Robots go to class with the hospitalized child controlling them. The child is virtually there and learns and keeps up relationships.
 - b. DPS has 6 of these for public schools.
 - c. Trinity has a student in need of a VGo device next year. The unit costs \$4K and the hospital has ponied up \$2K in a grant. The family is short \$2000 and Rick was seeking help and guidance to secure the additional funding.
 - d. He came to the right place.
 - i. Discussion evolved around possible solutions.
 - 1. The most promising suggestion was to pitch the need to the Private School Master meetings as well as to the Private School parent associations. Carolyn Rogers, wife of our Arthur Rogers was mentioned as a possible point of contact for Rick to access the parent association.
 - 2. BC mentioned that we may be able to sweep together funding to apply for a district grant. This may take more time than is needed.
 - 3. Another suggestion was to approach DPS to “borrow” one of their machines. Once funding was secured, the new replacement machine could be given to DPS and Trinity keeps the borrowed machine.
 - 4. It was mentioned that people don’t mind contributing to things like this but they like the write off, so they would need to write the check to the school and designate it for the VGo project.
 - ii. Great discussion and superb suggestions. It proved that the Education Committee’s experience is extremely valuable for whatever is thrown at it. Nice work team.
 - e. IF you have any other ideas, Rick may be contacted: Richard Lemke
lemker.wyo@gmail.com
5. Next meeting: 27 April 2017 at 5:30 PM at Lucky Strike.

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