

## Education Committee Meeting Minutes of 12 October 2017

### In attendance:

Todd Taylor, Marge Nordstrom, Shannon Leskin, Brady Surles, Michel Tharp, BC Dash

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

### Agenda:

1. RYLA – Joyce McKinney has put out the word that RYLA applications are due 10 NOV. We sent the information to Student U, Emily K and Southern High School. Michel Tharp was interested in joining the RYLA selection committee and he will reach out to Chris directly.
2. Marge reiterated that the Lois Cranford Legacy Literacy Fund was essentially asking members to do what they have always done in giving to the poinsettia drive, except without the expectation of getting a poinsettia. The funds will go toward Student U Scholarships. BC mentioned that the Past Presidents have committed to getting behind this effort. We all agreed that supporting and honoring Lois is a worthy endeavor. It was brought up how big will the ultimate target of the fund be? Marge will get back to us on that. This year's target is \$2500.
3. RLI insights. What is Rotary? It is a Membership and Fellowship organization that oh by the way, does service. Over the years, service has become a bigger and bigger emphasis, which is fine and laudable, and we should remember to remain true to the idea of fellowship. The recent participants will be having a meeting to share what they learned at RLI. More on that as it unfolds.
4. Planting Trees. Melissa Mills asked if the Education Committee would be interested in partnering in some of the tree planting projects, or in setting up a project or several at local schools. The education committee is amenable to supporting Melissa's efforts. We will find out more specifics from Melissa.
5. KidBright Presentation. Michael Fern and Sarah Magargee presented their information on the needs and actions around providing nutritional snacks to kids in public schools. The BlueJeans recording of the presentation will be sent separately. Their program has begun in May 2017 and has already shown growth, progress and positive feedback. The ask was for any support we could provide: introductions, fiscal and physical support, insight, spreading the word, anything that may assist in getting quality snacks into the hands of kids in schools. The presentation was well received and some rich discussion ensued.
6. Next Meeting will be 7 Dec 2017 @ 5:30 PM at Lucky Strike.