

Rotary



Greater Portage County

Newsletter: November 12, 2021

Greetings Rotarians of Greater Portage County,

We are back to meeting in the Community Room at Mid-State. If you attend in person enter the large parking lot off Center Point Drive. Head in the main set of doors and room is down the hall. If coming to meeting at MSTC this Friday – Bring your own coffee. **Please note the College is recommending masks.** You can also join the meeting via the Zoom link below.

Our speaker this week is Mayor Mike Wiza, who also serves as the chairman of the Board of Public Works and the City Planning Commission. Mayor Mike has been mayor since 2015 and was active as a city alderman and a Portage County Supervisor before being elected as mayor. We welcome Mayor Mike and thank him for serving our community!

Agenda

- Happy Dollars
- Next Service Opportunity- Bell Ringing Charles
- Mentors Update
- Tax Deduction Status for Major Donors-Heather/David H
- Chili Sale Totals
- Toys for Tots Status- Joe & Sarah Bikes?
- Afghan refuge Grant- Rick
- Warming Shelter Grant Final Purchases- Barb & David H
- Other business?

If you have pledged Happy Dollars and want to settle up you can send to David Henry via VENMO @Rtry-RCGPC—

Farmshed Chili Sale Pick Up Friday: Nov. 12 Thanks to all of you who helped! Pick up helpers are:
9-12, Barb & Charles
12-2:30, Dave Marie & Harry
2:30-5, Bill F & Joe

REMINDER: Turn in Big Bucks Raffle Holiday Tickets to Sarah Friday. Raffle starts Monday Nov. 15.

Reminder for Turkey Trot! <https://stevenspointturkeytrot.org/>
To order merchandise <https://spturkeytrot2021.itemorder.com/sale>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/turkeytrotstevenspoint>

Global Grant Scholarship. Follow our GGS Scholar Sanne Roeven in London! You can sign up for Sanne's blog. Go to <https://sroeven.wordpress.com/>. District 6220 is offering the \$30,000 award again this year. For information go to our Rotary District website, Global Grant Scholarship page [Rotary District 6220 Global Grant Scholarship webpage](#).

Lastly, minutes from our last meeting. Thanks Bill!

Schedule for 2021

Nov 12 - (David H) Mayor Wiza
Nov 19 - Team Meetings
Nov 26 - No Meeting Thanksgiving
Dec 3 - Club Assembly
Dec 10 - (Heather H)
Dec 17 - (Bob Smith)
Dec 24 - No meeting Christmas
Dec 31 - No Meeting New Years

ZOOM MEETING DETAILS.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86474788935?pwd=TXFBQ0JuK1FQd0pwQkI2YkQ3T2IvUT09>

Regards,

Barb Mihm



Rotary Club of Greater Portage County Minutes

Friday November 5, 2021 at 7:00 a.m.

Mid-State Technical College CER Room and Zoom

Members Present

Bill Fehrenbach, David Rosenthal, Barbara Mihm, Corey Ladick, Charles Clark, David Marie, Shari Laskowski, Marc Christianson, David Henry, Jess Bowers, Sam Dinga, Harry Magee, Sarah Scripp, Joe DeBauche, Silver Pientka, Rick Zahn

Guest/Future Member: Kayla Filen

Happy Dollars

Shared.

Membership

Kayla Filen was present. The membership team will need to assign mentor for Kayla.

Pints For Polio--Corey

Corey reported that the total take was around \$2700. With Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation match, the total going to the Polio Fund will be \$8100.

Chili Sale

23 quarts had been sold by last Wednesday morning and there were six straight donations. Proceeds go to RCGPC Solar Project. Members were encouraged to make a final push to friends and co-workers. Deadline was Monday at midnight. Delivery Day is Friday, November 12. There are still some volunteer slots available.

Budget--David H

Motion by Rick. Second by Corey. Accept and support budget as presented. Passed unanimously.

Toys For Tots--Joe

Fleet Farm shopping day is Tuesday, November 30. Time to be confirmed. (But it is usually around 6 pm.)

Box Pick-up is Monday, December 13. Traditionally we consider this an "all-hands" activity. We will have a U-Haul truck this year.

Box delivery was last Friday after the meeting, mostly.

Joe explained the state-wide anonymous donation that gives our club an extra \$4200 to spend on toys. Joe proposed that we use this money to buy bicycles, which are by TFT rule allowed to exceed the dollar limit on toys.

Motion by Bill. Second by Corey. RCGPC shall use the \$4200 donation to buy bicycles for Toys for Tots. Passed unanimously.

The Downtown Christmas Parade is Wednesday, November 17. Discussion on RCGPC/TFT participation. Outcome: Great Idea. Let's plan on it for 2022. No to this year.

Sarah Scripps is on board as Joe's official assistant this year.

Afghan Refugee Support Project and Grant—Rick

A service day was held last Wednesday at the Noel Hangar to sort clothes. Several Rotarians and some spouses were there to supply hands-on help. (Sorry, Rick has the list.) RCGPC received \$2500 from Holy Spirit Parish to cover our club's part of the grant. Rick also reached out to the Wausau Sunrise Club to co-sponsor the grant. By having two clubs co-sponsoring, the total grant amount is \$5000, which can be matched by the grant. However, the grant fund only has \$3200 remaining. Fortunately, the Green Bay Sunrise Club has offered to fill the gap and will contribute the extra \$1800, so the full \$5000 is matched!

All this has happened without any individual contributions from RCGPC members. Here is the official request:

If you would like to donate to RCGPC's collection for the Afghan Refugee Project, give or send a check to David Henry (RCGPC, PO Box 1073, Stevens Point, WI 54481) or Venmo the funds to @Rtry-RCGPC.

In either case, indicate "Afghan Refugee Project" on your donation.

Whew! Meeting adjourned at 8:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Fehrenbach