# ROTARY CLUB OF KELOWNA – OKANAGAN MISSION MEETING NOTES AND NEWSLETTER CREEKSIDE PUB AND GRILL 24 JUL 2017

ATTENDANCE: Active Members 15/20 (75%)

Honourary Members 01/03

Guests: 02 Zoe Mackellin (Ross and Monika)

Ryan Lancaster (Speaker)

TOTAL: 18

#### PRESIDENT IRMA

#### AREA 5 PRESIDENTS MEETING:

- Clubs with low membership are having difficulty with fund raising etc to support projects.
   Preliminary discussion having smaller clubs work together on joint fundraising and projects. This
   idea has already been floated in our Club. We will discuss further in August regarding possibly
   working together with the Capri Club (also a dinner club), to the extent that they may wish to
   change their meeting location to Creekside and meet on the First and Third Mondays of each
   month.
- District Assembly Osoyoos 27/28 OCT 2017.

## **GENERAL**

- President Irma asked the members to start thinking about the "way forward" for the upcoming Rotary Year. Club goals; Projects; Fundraisers etc so that we can get the planning process well underway before the end of August.
- President Irma thanked Monika and Ross for hosting the BBQ at their residence on 10 JUL 2017

## **SECRETARY REPORT:**

- Semi-Annual Report to Rotary International. Our Membership is recorded as 20 Active Members and 3 Honourary Members. R.I. Invoice 01 JUL 2017 to 31 DEC 2017 is \$812.67 USD (\$1080.85 CAD)
- Awaiting District Invoice.
- If you are receiving two Rotarian Magazines and don't need two, let Ross and he will cancel one. We pay \$8.00 USD per subscription.

## TREASUER REPORT:

- Everyone has paid their dues.
- Rotary International and Rotary District 5060 dues will be paid once the District Invoice is received.

# THE MILLION DOLLAR BUS PROJECT – Ryan LANCASTER

- Ryan was born and raised in the Thompson Okanagan and is currently the Junior Chamber of Commerce Vice President.
- The Million Dollar Bus Project is a unique fund raiser created and developed by Ryan and two friends.
- The plan is to raise One Million Dollars by selling advertising or personal space on the exterior of their specially painted school bus. The one inch squares will cost \$10 each. The goal is to sell off the entire exterior of the bus as it travels across Canada to raise \$1M Dollars.
- The money will be used to find and fund community passion projects across Canada.
- Ryan described a "passion project" as something that drives and pushes you to invest everything
  you have into a sole purpose or focus.
- The Million Dollar Bus Project will focus their main efforts on 8 main categories, namely Trades, Social, Environmental, Agriculture, Artistic, Health/Sports, Entrepreneurial, and Culture.
- The first local "passion project" will be Okanagan Makespace. It is hoped that \$30K can be raised to support his project.
- Makespace is apparently a global movement of spaces where anyone from the community can come and do projects, learn to use tools or develop ideas.
- Ryan suggested that 100% of private money donated will be directed to the various projects. Operating expenses are derived from corporate donations in which case 75% of the donation will go to projects and 25% to operating expenses.
- Ryan advised they are receiving donations albeit they have yet to head out on the road as the
  bus is under going repairs etc. Additionally they have not procured space for the Makespace
  initiative.
- For more information go to <a href="www.milliondollarbus.com">www.milliondollarbus.com</a>

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

15 to 17 SEPTEMBER Rib Fest Rotary Club Kelowna – Sunrise

27 to 28 OCTOBER Rotary Fall Assembly Osoyoos

NEXT MEETING 14 AUG 2017 Creekside

THAT'S ALL FOLKS

OKM Secretary 09 AUG 2017