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Date: 28 Jestha 2081 / 10 June 2024

Today's Programme:

Regular Weekly Meeting

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays:

Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – 11 June

Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay – 12 June

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meeting No. 1904

Date: 21 Jestha 2081 / 3 June 2024

1. As the President and the Vice President are on the RCP's field visit, Past President Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey called the RCP's Meeting No. 1904 to order via Zoom from the USA with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
3. Happy News Contribution Pledges:
 - Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for Chairing the meeting from the USA (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty (NRs. 500), Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty (NRs. 500), Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa (NRs. 500), Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka (NRs. 500), Rtn. Preeti Khemka (NRs. 500), and Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay (NRs. 500) – for today's Zoom meeting chaired by Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey from the USA.
 - Rtn. Lila B. Baniya – for the above, and for also joining the meeting on Zoom from the USA (NRs. 1,000).
4. Rotary Information:
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa reminded on possible new initiatives for teachers' training in some PEEF schools. She had sponsored one such event in collaboration with Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam and SETCO, Nepal at Bhattedanda school. This kind of residential training would support the RCP's PEEF programme. The new teaching methods for teachers would provide them the skills to motivate children in engaging in class, in building confidence, inspire and support other students. Members appreciated the briefing and suggested to present proposed budget requirements to the RCP Board through the President with the aim of covering costs from the RCP's budget with possible fund-raising to do this in the RCP's adopted schools. This could be managed by the TEACH sub-committee with the support of learning facilitator Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa and Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam.
 - District Training Assembly - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa reminded all on the importance of taking Rotary's online courses by all old and new committee chairs and members. Once the courses are completed, the learning centre would be issuing online certificates of completion, which is important particularly for new committee chairs/members before the District Training Assembly of this year being held on 15 June 2024. As the RCP's learning facilitator, she will be providing any support required for this.
 - President Elect Rtn. Preeti Khemka informed on the plan to have the RCP's first club assembly of RY 2024-2025 on 17 June 2024. All committee chairs were requested to consult/meet with the respective committee members to suggest goals for next year.
 - Several PEEF selection/distribution coordinators for this year, briefed on their experience on the completed exercise for this year. Reporting was done by Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty on Shree Path Pradarsak School, Badikhel; by Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary on Balkumari School, Sunakothi; Bal Binod School, Natole; and Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa on Phulchowki School, Thaiba and Kitini School, Kitini. It was noted that distribution to grades 11 and 12 will be delayed as the results of grade 10 examinations have not yet been out. Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty informed about the plan of Splash, Nepal to visit all the PEEF schools with WASH programme supported by the RCP to update on the situation during this month.
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang informed about the interest of the RCP's partner Rtn. Chris O'Brien from U.K. to have a global grant on mental health. It was suggested to have an outline with identification of possible implementing partners for this to be submitted to the RCP Board.
 - Fellowships Coordinator Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha informed on the plans to have a Past Presidents' fellowship in June and the 5th Monday entertainment programme at the end of July.
5. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the Past President, Secretary, Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka announced: happy news contribution pledges of NRs. 5,500 (50% of NRs.2,750 each to the RCP's operational and sunshine funds), and the meeting attendance of 16 members, and 13 make-ups.

11th Board Meeting of RY 2023-2024 held on 30 May 2024

Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka presented the minutes/decisions of the 11th Board meeting, held from 17:30 to 18:30 hrs. on 30 May 2024 at Doko Deli restaurant in Jhamsikhel Lalitpur, with the participation of 12 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 11th Board meeting as follows:

1. The minutes of the 11th Board meeting were reviewed with a status update on actions taken.
2. Update on planned District Grant for KOSHISH – Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty briefed on the status of this planned District Grant with RC Rosbud-Rye, Australia. While some advance action by the donor club is starting this year, the District Grant has been postponed for early next Rotary Year.
3. New Global Grant for Kirtipur Hospital – Service Projects Chair Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on a possible global grant in Rotary Year 2024/2025 when our partner in the previous international sponsor club in Italy becomes its President. They are interested in supporting through Kirtipur Hospital, and we are exploring the feasibility of a project of hospital liquid waste management.
4. Budget for 2024-2025 – Principles/outline were discussed. While operating costs could have some shortfall, it was agreed to try to manage without an increase in membership due of NRs. 30,000 for 2024-2025. A proposal will be presented in the next Board meeting after consultations in the committee established for this earlier.
5. Representatives from the RCP to the Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital (NOH) Board – Following established practice, it was agreed to propose the names of IPP Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan and President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal with effect from 1 July 2024.
6. Lalitdhara Souvenir 2024 – It was agreed to:
 - i. Retain the following current rates with the sponsor to add any TDS required:
 - Back cover page in colour: NRs. 30,000
 - Front back page and end back page in colour: NRs. 20,000 each
 - Inside full page in colour: NRs. 15,000 each
 - Inside half page in colour: NRs. 8,000 each
 - Inside full page in b/w: NRs. 8,000 each
 - Inside half page in b/w: NRs. 5,000 each
 - ii. Explore alternative printers to see if cost efficiency could be attained.
 - iii. Maximise efforts to get sponsors from the RCP family for advertisements.
7. Bank Accounts Signatory Panels – Changes in the bank signatory panels with authority to open, operate and close the RCP accounts for the Rotary Year 2024-2025 beginning 1 July 2024. This authority may be exercised by any two of the three signatories named for the respective accounts listed below:
 - i. For all Rotary Club of Patan Accounts including FDs with Citizen Bank, Gwarko Branch: (a) Rotary Club of Patan Account No. 0580100000838201, (b) Rotary Club of Patan Sunshine Fund Account No. 0580100000839201, (c) Rotary Club of Patan Club Service Fund Account No. 0580100000837201, and (d) FDs - Rtns. Preeti Khemka, Gabriele Mallapaty, and Ganga R. Gautam.
 - ii. For all Rotary Club of Patan's Fixed Deposit Accounts at (a) Himalayan Bank, Sundhara, (b) Prime Bank, Patan: Rtns. Preeti Khemka, Gabriele Mallapaty, and Ganga R. Gautam.
 - iii. For all Rotary Club of Patan Accounts including FDs related to PEEF with (a) Prime Bank, Patan Account No. 00501000000100700134, and FDs; (b) Prabhu Bank, Bhaisepati Branch Account No. 0250038217000013 and FDs; (c) Himalayan Bank, Sundhara Branch (FDs), (d) Citizens Bank, Gwarko Branch (FDs), (e) Central Finance Limited, Kopundole (FDs), and (f) Muktinath Bikas Bank, Bhaisepati Branch (FDs) - Rtns. Preeti Khemka, Bijayashwar Mallapaty, and Ganga R. Gautam.
 - iv. For all Rotary Club of Patan Accounts related to KPAD including FDs with (a) Shree Investment and Finance Company Ltd., Dillibazar - Rotary Club of Patan Savings Account No. 20110118000292 and FDs, and (b) Prabhu Bank, Manbhawan Account No. 3017087926800358 - Rtns. Preeti Khemka, Bijayashwar Mallapaty, and Ganga R. Gautam.
 - v. For Rotary Club of Patan GG 2347069 (RHD) Account No. 0660154388600012 with Prabu Bank, Manbhawan - Rtns. Preeti Khemka, Gabriele Mallapaty & Ganga R. Gautam.
8. Financial Report - Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented an overview of the club's financial status with a summary of income and expenditures as of end May 2024. It was also noted that from this year the fiscal year is required to be following the Nepali fiscal year, which ends in Asadh (15 July 2024).
9. Joint Board Meeting of RY 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 – It was confirmed that President Elect Rtn. Preeti Khemka will be hosting it on Friday, 28 June 2024.
10. New request for equipment for Laliguras Community Hospital, Mirge: The Board noted that the balance of funds from the closed global grant project has already been provided, and no additional funds are available.
11. Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated, and Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty with additions by Rtn. Preeti Khemka gave a 'Vote of Thanks' on behalf of all present to the joint hosts Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht and Maheswari Bisht Rawal for hosting the board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship, which included spouses of Board members and sons of President Rawal and the hosts. The hosts appreciated the opportunity and thanked all for their participation.