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Flying Samaritans

Mother Lode Chapter

Meeting Minutes April 9, 2024 – 7PM

I. Administration

A. Call to Order: 1900

B. Attendance

1. President: **Peter Le Lievre Peter**
2. Vice President: **Doug Wirzberger**
3. Treasurer: **Bill Hurson**
4. Recording Secretary: **Dianne VanOrder**
5. Directors at Large: Sunny Sethi and Pam Polk

C. Appointed Coordinators (attendees on call in bold)

1. Medical Clinic Director: **Dr. Ilana Breen**
2. Medical Clinic Coordinator:
3. Dental Clinic Coordinator: **Dr. Charlie Arita**
4. Optical Clinic Coordinator:
5. Transportation Coordinator: Sunny Sethi
6. IBOD Representatives:
7. Membership Coordinator: Doug Wirzberger
8. Newsletter/PR: Justin Sherrill/Ed Frye
9. Facilities Coordinator: Rick Wilson
10. Recruitment Committee Chair: Peter Le Lievre

D. Lifetime Members: Bill McDavid, Bob Haining, Charlie & Mary Arita., Dianne VanOrder

E. Other Members Presents:

F. Introductions:

Board Meeting Minutes: March 5, 2024

Motion to Approve: Peter Seconded: Charlie Vote: all in favor/approved

II. Business

A. President's Report: Peter Le Lievre

1. April Clinic now has 3 MD's, 2 RN's, 2 Dentists and 1 Optical volunteer; we have 3 planes flying down, Ed Frye is back flying for us after he was released by Jim McKay from San Felipe Clinic, and Brian Korbs kindly stepped up to mentor Bill Kane. Thank you all.

2. Doug's letter to Mision Hotel was received and they replied with 20% discount which I am inclined to accept. Tucson and Gold Coast Chapters are OK with it and are not in a mood to press. Nevertheless these costs are increasing and so support for lower income FSML volunteers is becoming a greater issue going forward.
 3. Vehicles: Dodge was repaired with new radiator and water pump. Green Van has new rear brakes and rear tire. Thank you Cecelia.
 4. Fund raising: Doug and Peter travelled to Folsom Rotary to pitch for support. We presented March 29 at a breakfast meeting and ran the video and gave a talk. The new incoming Presidents (Chuck & Conni Thompson) have taken up the challenge and have commenced a series of events and fundraising, Chuck's target is much more than we need for a vehicle but he is determined! A lot of other encouraging support.
 5. Fitout of garage: I haven't received feedback for a proposed design but will take this up on the ground in April with Bob Haining and others when we attend the clinic.
 6. Optical Support: Eric Shelton sent yet more custom prescriptions for April and attended in February. I will transport them to San Quintin. Thank you Eric! At Folsom we heard again that Sacramento Lions are still active in glasses collection and neutralization.
- A former volunteer Joe Zackwieja is returning to the Flying Sams clinic in April to join Optical again.
7. March clinic was successful, medical saw 49 patients and optical 69. Ed Frye deserves thanks for flying yet another clinic and his new Facebook Mother Lode Group page has been very active with numerous photos, video's and posts. Thank you Ed and Gabriela!

B. Vice Presidents Report: Doug Wirzberger

1. Chuck Thompson of Rotary Club Historic Folsom has identified the Flying Samaritans as his charity of choice in lieu of birthday gifts on his Facebook account! May need to coordinate with IBOD to ensure associated donations are routed to Mother Lode.
2. Hotel Discount: Discounted rate for Sams is 1250 pesos/night. This discount proposal from hotel includes a cancellation fee schedule which is not compatible with our operation. There is no formal agreement signed between Mother Lode and the Hotel, if the cancellation problem comes up it will be addressed at that time.

C. Membership Coordinators Report: Doug Wirzberger

1. Review of April clinic roster:

Medical: Bob Haining, MD, Mariana Locke, FNP, Gregorio Borjon, MD (Mexican based MD), Dianne VanOrder, RN and Iluminado (Mike) Lime, RN (new RN)

Optical: Joe Zachwieja driving down from Oceanside.

Dental: Robin Berrin, Kari Nelson (new dentist recruited from Rotary)

Pilots: Peter Le Lievre, Ed Frye Bill Kane (new pilot mentored by Brian Korbs)
Translator: Gabriela Villarreal

2. Review of May Clinic roster:

Note: new pilot Craig Tinsley will need mentor

Note: we have a large dental group signed up and will need planes. We may want to use interested pilots who do not have their own planes to be mentor pilots. We need pilots for May clinic.

Doug would like to add a standing addition to the agenda for each meeting to ask each meeting participant to share any recruiting efforts they have made during the month.

Hoping to foster that recruiting is something that we should all be doing.

Doug and Charlie discussed advertising in Dental Society newsletters for dentists. Charlie will work on getting addresses for the county societies and furnish them to Doug.

D. Treasurer's Report: Bill Hurson

Amount of gain for 3/31/2024:

Amount year to date:

Amount in checking account:

Amount in savings account:

Total Cash on Hand:

E. Correspondence Secretary's Report: Dianne VanOrder

Dianne has found a couple of independent pharmacies in Stockton and she will talk with them concerning purchase of medications needed in the clinic. It will supplement the meds we get from Blessings Int'l. There are about 60 lbs of meds that need to be delivered to the clinic in April.

F. Newsletter/PR: Justin Sherrill/Ed Frye

G. Medical: Ilana has suggested that we should have some kind of "sponsorship program" Available for new docs (residents) who have issued with costs of travel/hotel, but are Interested in volunteering. At this point, Peter advised to let him know what is needed and he will see it is taken care of.

H. Optical: Joe Z will be returning to the Optical Clinic. Eric Shelton has provided more Glasses and they will be delivered in April.

I. Dental: see previous discussion re: dental clinic/volunteers/recruitment above.

K. Transportation Coordinator and Pilot Assignments: Sunny Sethi

Ed Frye, pilot: pax Gabriela Villarreal Kari Nelson, Robin Berrin

Peter Le Lievre, pilot: pax Mariana Locke, Dianne VanOrder, Bob Haining

Bill Kane, pilot: Brian Korbs (mentor) Iluminado (Mike) Lime, Gregorio Borjon

L. IBOD Report: Doug Wirzberger

III. Old Business: Discussion regarding new roof for medical clinic. Peter will discuss with Cecelia at April clinic.

IV. New Business:

Motion to Adjourn:

Seconded:

Vote:

Adjourned: 1948