



Poultney Rotary Club | Meeting Summary
Monday, August 16, 2021 | Lake St. Catherine Country Club

The meeting began with a toast in memory of Rotarian Bill Stephenson who passed away last week. A card was passed around for members to sign to be sent to Bill's wife, Midge. Kim will send the card along with flowers to Midge later this week.

Kim shared several correspondences, including a District 7870 grant opportunity as well as a golf tournament district fundraiser. Pat also received a request for funding for the Shelter Box which we have participated in prior years, typically with Fair Haven Rotary. The club agreed to get through Chili Cook Off and revisit the opportunity as there isn't a deadline to decide.

Pat shared that the budget has been approved by the board (this evening) for the upcoming years expenses. Starting the year off strong with approximately \$8,000 thanks to the golf tournament organized by Bob I. Kim would like to bring back Happy Dollars for additional revenue, specifically to pay for the club's Rotary bell that needs to be replaced.

Kim provided an update on Everyone Eats! The state is looking for additional funding to continue through September. The club agreed unanimously to not continue volunteering after September given schedule challenges and multiple program extensions already.

Val and Kim gave an update on Chili Cook Off. The biggest need right now is day-of volunteers and asks for the silent auction. Val passed around sign-up sheets for day-of volunteer needs and silent auction requests. We are also still looking for cookers, so members were encouraged to help spread the word. There is a need for 10 additional tables – Michelle offered 4 from Young at Heart. EnerJazz will also be playing at this year's event! The mugs and glasses have been ordered.

The club brought up the idea of bringing back the Community Dinner as a fundraiser for next year. Once we get through the Chili Cook Off, we will revisit this idea. In the meantime, members were encouraged to think about a possible speaker.

The next club meeting will be Tuesday, September 7 (location TBD) at 5pm. This is an additional meeting on the schedule to continue working through plans for Chili Cook Off.