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CLUB OF BRANDON

Brandon Kiwanis Club Bulletin

Business Meeting (First Meeting at Seniors for Seniors)

There were a few short reports to start the meeting.

Roger reported that the dues were almost all in. Those who still owe dues, please send to Reg quickly or let us know if you have decided to leave the club.

Bikes: There are about 120 bikes or so already on hand for the sale next spring and some in the 30 day holding.

The City has distributed soil around the east end playground and put down grass seed. They will open the gates so children can use the equipment after the City has inspected the equipment.

A major fund raising opportunity:

We had two guests from our sister club, the Assiniboine Kiwanis club. With declining numbers they have decided they will not rejuvenate their Restaurant Coupon Book fund raiser. With COVID they have not run it for a year but with restaurants now reopening it may be time to restart the fundraiser. It had been raising about \$20,000 per year for the club. They have suggested that we may wish to take it on. They started the project in 1996 and ran it annually in the fall with sales of about 1500 books at \$15 per book. There would be about 30 restaurants represented in the book each year with offers like buy one meal get one free or similar offers. They would approach the restaurants each year to have them sign an agreement/contract specifying the deal to be offered. They usually wanted the contracts in place so they could publish the books in early November and completed the sales by early January. **They did not sell door-to-door.** They would sell to friends, work colleagues and especially they had the community booth at the

Mall before Christmas (no cost) and sell from there. If we try to start this fall we must hurry. A question will be whether restaurants feel they are still too unsteady to join in or whether they will see it as an opportunity to regain traffic after COVID.

The meeting agreed to try to take on this fundraiser and our colleagues from Assiniboine Kiwanis said they would help out club through the teething period.

HELP: To start, Doug Corder (204-729-8641, corderc@mymts.net) is gathering about 10 people to approach about 50 restaurants to ask if they will participate this year. This must be done right away. He has about 4 volunteers so far. He hopes each volunteer would work with 4 or 5 restaurants from the list of former participants in the Assiniboine project. Please join in or this great opportunity may be missed for this year at least! I believe the initial contact with the restaurants is by telephone.

What's happening at Kiwanis (meeting alternate Tuesdays at 12:00PM at seniors for Seniors)

Oct 26th Ross Robson --CEO John Howard Society

Nov 9 Jay Phillips of FaithLife on charity giving

Nov 23 Business Meeting

Dec. 14 Tentative Christmas Dinner (depending on Health Directives etc)

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