

Rotary Club of Carleton Place and Mississippi Mills

Minutes of the Meeting July 26, 2022

Thirsty Moose

- 1. In Attendance: Mike Jeays, Marion Reilly, Dave Cousineau, Kathy Cousineau, Carman Carroll, Shelley Smith
Absent: Ken Clark, Pat Clark, Deb Shaw, Olga Ialovenko, Deen Dudding, Randy Dudding
Guests: Laura Scott, Emily Dennis (Adventure in Citizenship) and her Mother**
- 2. Welcome. Interim President Dave opened the meeting at 6:05 pm. We all welcomed back Laura. We also welcomed Emily and her Mother.**

Dave also read the Land Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that the land on which we live and are meeting tonight is the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin and Anishinaabe People who have lived on this land since time immemorial.

- 3. Happy Dollars: As usual, Rotarians were thankful for various things over the past two weeks.**
- 4. Chase the Ace. Mike drew the ticket but not the winning card. Pot now sits at \$360.**
- 5. Adoption of the Agenda. Shelly moved, second by Mike. All agreed**
- 6. Minutes of July 12 Meeting. Moved by Marion, second by Kathy to approve. All agreed.**
- 7. Adventure in Citizenship Representative, Emily Dennis: Notre Dame High School, Carleton Place**

Emily was selected by our club this year to attend the virtual Adventure in Citizenship gathering in Ottawa, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ottawa. Emily gave a wonderful twenty-minute presentation about her experience. She spoke the entire time without notes or props! She is very articulate young woman who obviously represented our club very well.

Emily provided an overview of each day, beginning with Day 1 which concentrated on historical and current Indigenous issues. She found this day to be an eye-opening experience for her and others as well. Even though there were discussions about difficult issues in our history she felt there was a sense of hope for the future at the end of the day. Day 2 concentrated on Canadian politics with Joe Clark among those addressing the group, answering questions and leading discussions. There were discussions on the increasing polarization in Canadian society and politics, the difficulty of reaching consensus in the current environment and the challenges of social media. The group also had a session with a Canadian diplomat who discussed the challenges of diplomacy, security and importance of travel and being introduced to other cultures as a means to bring people together on major issues confronting society today. Day 3 concentrated on Canadian citizenship in general and the operations of the House of Commons. Several Citizenship Judges, including a Metis woman, spoke about the requirements for Canadian citizenship and the students reaffirmed their citizenship through an exercise. Deputy Speaker, Chris D'Entremont, provided an overview of the workings of Parliament and about the role of the Speaker of the House of Commons. Again, Emily found Day 3 as fascinating and educational as Days 1 and 2.

Emily told us that everyone was encouraged to ask questions and participate in discussions. She said she was an active participant, sometimes reaching outside her comfort zone to do so. She answered our questions and she clearly felt this was a life-changing experience. We were all

so impressed with her presentation and how much she got out of the experience. Well done, Emily!

8. Business Arising.

-Compost Sales: There were some additional sales of compost since the last meeting.

-Giant Tiger Nevada Sales. Nothing to report in Deb's absence.

-50/50 Draw. Mike said that the tickets are now printed.

-Chamber of Commerce Update. Shelley will contact them about speaking at a meeting in Sept about the Women's Fair

-Women's Fair. Shelley will be looking to rent both rooms with year and we expect to have the full kitchen in operation.

8. Other Business:

-President's Report. Nothing to report.

-Treasurers Update. Mike provided an overview of his 2021-2022 financial report that he had circulated to the membership.

-Secretary's Report. Nothing to report.

9. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Next Meeting: TUESDAY August 9, 2022 at 6pm at The Thirsty Moose upstairs.

**Carman Carroll
A/Secretary**