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Pledge for Noyes Expansion Approved

We managed to keep our heads above water last meeting, but the Vincent House training sessions are cutting in on our attendance. It was bitterly cold last Tuesday, so it was gratifying that so many braved it.

The Miller House started us with a tossed salad, although this would have been a good night for soup. True, we had soup for two weeks prior, so the change may have been in order. We followed the salad with Beef Stroganoff over noodles and a medley of corn and peas.

Tom Quinlan recalled that he forgot a confession last Tuesday. They had gone to NYC a couple of weeks ago and took in a show at Madison Square Garden, where the tickets ran up to \$300 really close to the stage. Tom "economized" with a \$195 variety, much farther away. Entertainers included Andrea Bocelli, I think. President Don fined him two dollars.

Roy Robinson was able to report on Polly Shriner from first hand experience. He had held her hand as they visited last Saturday, and she was responsive. It was clear that significant progress had been made, even though she is still in intensive care. Art seemed very tired, thought Roy.

Thank you Roy for the report. As you stated, it's not over yet, but looks much more promising. We shall continue to think about the Shriners in the coming weeks.

When asked about Milt's progress, Nancy Levesque summed it up in a quote from his doctor, "you have to consider your age." Apparently Milt would like a faster rate of progress, but I saw him at the post office last Saturday, and he looked very good.

Business

Marty had heard nothing from the Community Chest about the Potato Festival.

We then discussed last meeting's visit from the Noyes Hospital. Everybody agreed that the hospital is a great asset to our communities. Marty asked if it were unreasonable to ask that we pledge a thousand per year for the next five years. Art thought five hundred would be more realistic. Nancy gave us a rough figure of our assets. Based on that, Bo thought that we had more "money for a rainy day" than we needed. There were voices about greater efforts, etc.

Marty Kimmel finally moved that we pledge a thousand dollars a year and Bo seconded the motion. There was no more discussion and the motion carried.

It was decided to have a special meeting on Saturday, January 21, 2006. Art Traphagen will arrange to have the program about the "Lost City." The location will be announced later, but mark the date in your calendar.

We also decided to skip the meeting on Tuesday 27. So many members will be away that it would be too expensive to hold the meeting. Tom Didas also wanted to have Tuesday following New Years off, evidently thinking he would be in poor shape to attend, but the rest of the club was unrelenting, - it's on!

We were approached by the Walk for Life in Dansville to help them next year with a food concession. We decided to do it. It is only for a few hours and not too many people are needed, we discovered last year.

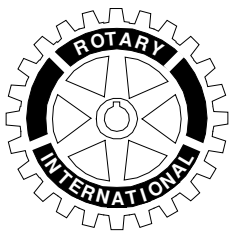
Tom Didas brought up the case of a family in need, knowing full well our policy of helping organization rather than individuals. He thought there were special circumstances, and wanted our opinion. Roy Robinson thought it could set a precedent, and we could be flooded with

other cases. After considerable wrangling over how it could be done without setting precedent, it was deemed too difficult. That doesn't preclude individual Rotarians such a to help, just like so many citizens had done at the fundraiser last weekend at The Miller House. It had raised five thousand dollars. Tom Quinlan is well acquainted with the family and the situation, and found out the following:

*After talking with family & friends, - the best donation for Leslie James & Family would be money to offset medical bills. If anyone is interested their address is:
Leslie James & Family
10497 Wolfanger Road
Wayland NY 14572*

The LPGA raffle had come up with another scheme this year. They will be selling hats instead. Well, there is still an element of gambling. I may not have understood it completely, but our share seemed to be smaller. We agreed with Art to do it anyway. *(This year I won't buy all my tickets myself though. I'll just return them instead, donating the difference to the club. I can't sell tickets to friends, - sorry! The Rochester club can get their share elsewhere.)*

Pat Lysell won the 50/50, but donated it back to the club.



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