

Rotary Club of Kentville

Community Services Committee

Rotary YTD Report 2023/2024

- The committee meets about every two months. We have met 3 times this year, Aug, Oct, and Jan. Our meetings are well attended.
- We use a consistent meeting agenda which includes,
 - Review of previous meeting notes.
 - A YTD budget review, so committee members know where we stand financially.
 - old business
 - new business
 - Status and review of the Strategic Plan.
- Our annual budget was set at \$12000. To date we have invested and/or committed just over \$13000 but that includes approximately \$1700 for Environment Day which was supposed to happen in June 2023. That \$1700 was therefore funded (appropriated) from the 2022/2023 budget. Subject to confirmation from our Treasurer Chris we should have approximately \$1000 left.

Activities & Projects (in chronological order)

- We hosted another BBQ at Oakdene Park in August.
- We increased our financial support for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library from \$1500 to \$3000 annually. We have expanded the program to include more communities in our catchment area, including Centreville and Canning.
- We have previously reported on our Environment Day as it was rescheduled to September in this Rotary Year.
- We gave \$2000 to the Kentville Multicultural Festival. Our tent was used at the festival.
- On hosted a BBQ on site at Valley Regional Hospital for the Hospital Foundation.
- Our club was represented at the Remembrance Day ceremony at the cenotaph in Kentville where we laid a wreath.
- We donated \$1985 to the Centreville Park for major renovations to the dugouts at the ball fields.
- We have allocated \$3000 for Environment Day 2024 but we are exploring options.

- Allocated \$1600 to a youth leadership camp planned by Flying Squirrel Adventures. More information will be presented on this project on March 25.

Strategic Plan

Specific Areas of Focus

1. Participate in 3 local community events. Examples would be our hosted BBQs in partnership with the Town and VHRF but there are always other hands on project opportunities. Pierre will speak to that.
2. Organize and implement a local community project such as Environment Day.
3. Complete a project to improve opportunities for vulnerable people. Last year we hosted a Friendly Soccer Challenge with Special Olympics which I know they would like to repeat again this year.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 5.