

Board of Directors Briefs for November 21, 2019

A letter of resignation was accepted unenthusiastically from Yvonne Cartwright due to business pressures.

The following membership proposal was approved by the Classification Committee and RCOB Board of Directors for J. Bacchus Taylor proposed by Dick Tucker and Monty McAllister to fill the classification of "Education-Explorations Academy Exec. Dir." He is eligible for membership December 9th unless written objection is received on or before December 1st by Sandra Lindhout, Exec. Sec., 2200 Vining St., Bellingham 98229.

Jen Moehl and Monty McAllister attended the Board meeting to express concerns regarding former exchange student Rumbi. She is now back home in Zimbabwe and the country is in economic crisis. She is attempting to get what is our equivalent of our GED. She has interest in attending college out of Zimbabwe to continue her education in psychology returning to help her country improve their standard of care for mental health. Although her family is affluent in Zimbabwe, they are unable to help. Unsure how we can help the board agreed to write a letter of recommendation for Rumbi and commit to help make connections for her.

Regarding the upcoming Annual Meeting, which is our election meeting, in lieu of the fact that our Nominating Committee has selected two Board Members (4 have been selected in the past) there is no reason for a ballot vote. The Board approved 2 different voice votes on December 9th, one for Slate of Officers and the other for the By-Laws leaving time for discussion.

To bring our RCOB ByLaws in line with Rotary International By-Laws, Chuck Snyder and Sandee have been reviewing changes and revised format. The Board reviewed and approved by majority vote of the board after an added recommendation by Lisa Saar. In Article 9, Section 2 add: Two signatures on a check are always required, consisting of the President, Treasurer, Executive Secretary, President-Elect and other such person as appointed by vote of the Board. Changes will be presented to the membership for a vote at our Annual Meeting December 9th. The Bylaws will be distributed to the membership prior.

The Board of Directors approved the following Service Fund Grants from the Rotary Club of Bellingham Foundation for \$1,000 each totaling \$3,000. We have a total Service Fund Budget of \$7,000 for the rotary year 2019-2020 with \$7,000 remaining to cover these requests. A Grant request was be sent to the RCOB Foundation and approved.

1. Center for Pacific Northwest Studies, a part of the Western Libraries Heritage Resources, housed in the Goltz-Murray Archives Building on the WWU campus. They are storing our RCOB History Sponsored by JC Hickman
2. Whatcom Chorale - sponsored by Gary Goldfogel.
3. Whatcom Rangers Soccer - sponsored by Tim Farris

Roland Trenouth and Lisa Saar updated us on Rise Against Hunger. Due to changes within the organization and unexpected shipping costs last year they are looking into possible finding another packaging event. She will keep us posted.

Next Board Meeting is December 12, 2019