

PRESENT: Chuck Chase, Gerry Burg, Michele Gardner, Bob Gardner, Rhonda Gage, Grace Garno, Londa Pickles.

ABSENT: Rod Pender, Theresa Soto **GUESTS – NA**

Meeting called to order at 5:00PM by President Bob

Secretary's Report

- a. Yours Truly shared the minutes of the November 2025 meeting with the board and mentioned that the Dues Billing for the 2nd half of the 2025-26 went out in December and that Allen Slater resigned.

Motion by M. Gardner and seconded by G. Burg to accept the Secretary's report as submitted with changes. PASSED

Treasurer's Report

- Beginning balance at the end of October was \$63,665.96
 - Checks written in November: \$5,367.40
 - Deposits in November: \$7,337.00
 - Checks not cleared - \$1,080.00
 - Outstanding Deposits in November: \$0
 - New Balance as of 11/30/25: \$64,375.56

Motion by G. Burg and seconded by L. Pickles to approve the budget with corrections as submitted. PASSED

OLD BUSINESS

- **Wreath Sales Project**
 - Gross amount collected was \$5,565 (if everyone pays - \$600 outstanding) and our net proceeds were \$2,235. Bo delivered them to us once again and we paid him \$200 (\$100 came from AM Club).
- **Rotary Pavilion Update**
 - Bob got an estimate received from TimberCraft along with renderings; Option #1 was \$39,255 with a fancy overhang; Option #2 was \$30,650 with a straight front for just the frame (treated lumber) and not the roof.
- **Donation Request**
 - *Holocaust Pop-Up Traveling Exhibit*
 - We received a request from Bob Behnke to support a Traveling Pop-Up Holocaust Exhibit for \$1,000.
 - The Secretary was directed by the board to get more info from Bob.
 - Request from Lynn Blocksam (Dick Germond's daughter) – APS Nurse
 - Request for \$600 for bed bug removal
 - Bob to let her know we cannot approve this at this time but that she might want to contact Athena and apply through a grant from them per Londa.

Motion by G. Burg and seconded by L. Pickles to deny request. PASSED

- **Hybrid Meeting Update**
 - Group agreed to continue with them. We will not have it available on December 18th meeting but will hold them beginning in 2026.
- **Joint Rotary/Thanksgiving Lunch**
 - A fun event. DG Linda was present. Three members who signed up failed to show but 3 members who did not tell us they were coming did attend so it was a "wash".
- **Nomination Committee**
 - President Nominee (Grace), President Nominee-Nominee (Londa), Secretary (CC) and Treasurer (Rhonda) were elected along with Theresa Soto and Nelson Douglass as new board members.
- **Computer Upgrades**
 - Rhonda said that she has uploaded certain file to a jump drive and has not checked with Josh about Microsoft 365 and working her way through those docs that are pdf.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Dues Billing 2026 (Jan 1 thru June 30, 2026)**
 - The Secretary confirmed they went out to all members. Pre-paid meals were listed.

- **Printing of Club Brochure**
 - The Secretary got approval to revise and have 30 printed.
- **Maternal Child Health Training - Michele**
 - RI brochure passed around. Various giving levels available from \$100 to \$1,000 (Training to 10 midwives)
 - The club never had to pay the \$2,000 originally required last year to satisfy our contribution for the reparative surgeries in New Delhi so that money is in our ban account.
 - The Secretary to explore who some international clubs are that might want to partner with us for an International Grant toward this cause as well.
 - Countries like New Zealand and Africa are in need of this training Michele said.

Motion by M. Gardner and seconded by G. Burg to contribute \$1,000 to RI's Midwifery Training. PASSED

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Toledo Zoo project is budgeted this year. Will come up with a date and ask more volunteers.
- President Bob informed the group that he has spoken to Jake who will be organizing a 5K Run.
- Wooden plaques have been made and distributed to the sponsors of last year's Bile Tour.
- Kathy Herrera has heart issues and so not healthy enough to undergo shoulder surgery so will be sent home. President Bob has explored ramp options. He thought \$500 would secure on and up to \$1,000 for one with railings.
- Gerry knows of a source in Jackson that rents them.

Motion by G. Burg and seconded by L. Pickles to allocate up to \$1,000 toward a "portable" ramp for Kathy Herrera at her home that Rotary would own and Bob would store at his home when not in use. PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm

Respectfully submitted by C. Chase

Next board meeting – January 13, 2026 at 5PM at Comfort Inn