

ROTARY CLUB OF SUMNER BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 13, 2017

President	Jerry Thorson	called the meeting to order at	7:32 am	at the Buttered Biscuit in Sumner, WA.
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In attendance were the following board members:

x	Jerry Thorson, President	x	Mike Cathey, Director
x	Brad Moericke, President-Elect	x	Errol Medel, Director
	Lana Hoover, Past-President	x	Pam Osborne, Director
x	Barbara Bitetto, Secretary		Scott Robbert, Director
x	Debbie Garrison, Treasurer		
Guests:	Carmen Blankenship, asst. Secretary Ed Mc Conkey, Clara Gillard, Lee Hansen: International Committee, Charla Neuman, New Project Committee		

Secretary Report:

Motion to accept August 2017 minutes; Errol made the motion, Brad 2nd. Motion passed.

- Only 3 members haven't paid their dues. I recommend we terminate Karen Carrick since she hasn't paid nor have we been able to contact her by phone or mail. Motion to accept her termination by Brad Seconded by Errol Medel.. All approved.
- Others who haven't paid but plan to in the next couple weeks: Lysne Nolte and Raechelle Turner.
- Sam Suznevich requested a 6 month leave since he is going back to work as a commercial realtor. Motion to accept his leave request by Errol Medel , seconded by Brad Moericke , motion passed.
- Becky Crocket is a prospective member. She attended one meeting and helped at the golf tournament.
- In the next month, Barbara will work on the perfect attendance awards.

Treasurer Report:

Preliminary report. Motion to accept by Mike Cathey; Errol Medel 2nd. Motion passed.

Old Business:

New Project committee – The committee is working on a strategic plan. Charla gave out a report that shows how the committee has broken down the tasks for the project. The tasks are Fundraising, Community Outreach, Communication, Site Selection, Non Profit Partners. They will work with a communication specialist to help get out the word. Mike Cathey talked about the Site Selection committee that have met with the Food Bank about the possibility of building next to the Food Bank. There is still discussion on the Food Bank board about the needs they need. Lee Hansen's daughter works at Plateau Outreach Ministries which has been visited by the New Project Committee. The board appreciates the work of the committee.

Golf tournament – The Golf Tournament on September 8, 2017 was very successful netting over \$45,000. Most of the club was involved with planning and helping out at the tournament. Next year's date will be September 7, 2018.

New Business:

International Committee – Lee Hansen came to give a report about a request from Sarah Josten Rolfig and the need for

a mobile medical clinic. She is a former ASB President from Sumner High and has been involved with Team Agape and New Life Missions for a number of years. Sarah and her husband Jamie plan to start this service which would help the Masai who live in southern Kenya where medical services are limited. The Intl Service committee is working on Phase 4 of working with New Life Ministries.

Ed McConkey made a request for \$21,000 for International Service. We have helped put in a water-well and sanitation in the area. The wells are still running even though statistically they don't continue working after a year. They are still producing water. New latrines for boys and girls; and for the handicapped. Our money is going directly to the project without a middleman making good use of our funds.

- Proposal is to buy a used jeep for \$16,000; outfitting it so they could have a mobile clinic. Sarah and her husband, Jamie who is studying to be a doctor; are planning on starting the mobile clinic. The area served is 1000 sq. mi. SHS Interact club want raise money for supplies for the clinic.
- There is \$6000.00 budgeted for New Life Mission currently. We have a direct conduit here in Sumner that works with the New Life Mission, Kelly Fitzpatrick. Additional \$15,000 needed from the budget for vehicle and supplies initial investment. In 2018-19 budget, you could return to the original amount of \$6000.
- Rotary' has Four Avenues of Service which , our club needs to have an International Project and we need to have a higher percentage of our money go into International project. Matching grant from Rotary is too cumbersome because of the application process. Waiting line is long so timeline gets drug out. Lee said it is easier for our club to do smaller projects in a shorter term. Recent projects haven't worked with matching funds. The project that is proposed is something that would be done by our club.

Mike Cathey made a motion for an additional \$15,000 for the project for a total of \$21,000. Brad seconded. The board approved.

Lowell Baird has been approached to create a trip to Kenya next spring or summer to visit the project with the possibility of working on a project there.

President Report:

Joint meeting on September 20 at the Best Western with DG Tom Carroll. Over 15 plan to attend.

Shelterbox – increase the match so total of all \$5000. Additoinal \$136. Motion Pam; Mike 2nd. Motion passed.

Proposed idea about how to help new board members get some introduction to the board requirements.

Director's Reports:

Mike Cathey:

Mike reported on the girl who had cancer; there have been a lot of work helping the family with their home improvements; landlord had some requirements with the upkeep on the house;
Sumner community sign – needing to update the sign and will put up the new information for community organizations soon.

Fundraising – golf committee had a successful event. Over \$45,000 raised.

Errol Medel:

Errol came up with different ideas about having a Community Service Partners located meeting so we could learn more about our partners suchh as Tehaleh. Initially thinking about one time a year.

Board liked the idea.

Membership Concerns – reinstituting classification talks. Discussing businesses helps with retention. Have new members reintroduce old members. Newsletter – highlight a member.

Pam Osborne: Pam emailed all her chairs and got some feedback.

Scott Robbert: No report

Upcoming Events:

Joint meeting at Best Western to hear DG Tom Carroll on September 20, 2017 at noon.
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The next board meeting will be held on	October 11, 2017	at the Buttered Biscuit in Sumner, WA.
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The meeting was adjourned at	9:02 a.m.
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Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Bitetto,
Secretary 2017-18

Minutes approved October 11, 2017