Pontiac Rotary Club

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MINUTES – October 2026

Pontiac Rotary Board Meeting (prior to club meeting)

In attendance: President Sam, Tim, John, Kathy, Susan

1. DG Lee arrived late so we weren't able to provide the intended update.
2. Observations / Actions from Sept 22nd Strategy meeting: neither David nor Rick were at this meeting, thus the discussion was tabled.
    a. Previously Rick noted that our club basically has three options:
        i. Status quo and continue our decline in membership
        ii. Big idea with big changes
        iii. Disband / become a granting organization
    b. David suggested soliciting proposals for a larger grant which was well-received but no further action or ownership identified.
3. Calendar reviewed
   Outstanding item – float for Holiday Extravaganza Parade; collaboration with district / other local clubs? Application has been submitted by Kathy.
4. Charities: Need to document additional expenditures for Groveland Oaks Camping, Pontiac runner reception, as well as projection for Rotary Youth Exchange.

5. Financial: Kathy to update signatures on both checking accounts, adding Rick to both club and Charities checking.
6. Note: District Conference on April 30 th.
7. New member, Dr Ashelin Currie to be inducted on Nov 5th.

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MINUTES – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 1, 2026

Treasurer Kathy Jenkins reported that the signature authority on our Rotary Club of Pontiac checking account is seriously out-of-date. Kathy proposed the following change:

Add Richard David to the account.

Remove Elaine Keinert (deceased)

Motion was unanimously approved by the current club board:

Sam Cannonier, President

Rick David, VP

Susan Ebeling, Secretary

Kathy Jenkins, Treasurer

Members at large: David Darbyshire, Tim Travis, Gale Walney, John Schodowski.

Respectively submitted,

Susan Ebeling, Secretary

Rotary Club of Pontiac

Next Board meeting: Thursday Nov 5th at 10:45am

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MINUTES – August 2026

1. **Welcome Interact Leadership!**

   Mateo Vargas (President): mateovargas@ndpma.org
   Paula Ceular (Treasurer): paulaceular@ndpma.org
   Sofia Monahan (Vice President): sofiamonahan@ndpma.org
   Josie Simon (Secretary) : josiesimon@ndpma.org

   It was great to meet Mateo, Paula and Sofia at our board meeting! Pontiac Rotary emphasized that we wish to support their efforts, and that we have finances available for that purpose. Reminder that we will add their events / updates to our website.

2. **Organizational review – 2026-27**
   President – Sam ~ ~~President Elect – Nia~~ ~ Vice President – Rick
   Treasurer – Kathy ~ Secretary – Susan ~ Administrator – Gale
   Members at large: John, Tim, David, Kenyada
   Kenyada verified that she will continue her involvement. Sam advised that Nia is moving and no longer able to be President Elect. Board has until Dec to name a new President Elect. Sam to followup with new member Mary Broadus on her interest in Rotary leadership/PELS.

3. Financials: Kathy
   a. Financials have been updated thru July 2026; Financials posted on Club Documents.
   b. Club Operations – Change in dues and movement of speaker lunches have helped the club operating finances. Kathy noted that the movement of funds between Charities and Club Operations is onerous due to the use of the credit card, etc.

Kathy will verify who has signature authority on our checking and investment accounts as well as the credit card access.

c. Receivables- two Rotarians unpaid.
d. Charities: Review balance – see Charities actions below

4. Calendar
    a. Meetings
        i. First Thursday of the month at UWM
        ii. Third meeting of the month as a field trip
        iii. Board meetings scheduled for 10:45am at UWM on first Thursday
        iv. Need new provider for box lunches. BYO for Sept 17th field trip.

        Rick to arrange for lunches for DG visit on Oct 1st.
    b. Events
        i. Oct 1st – DG Lee Halstead joins us – will also induct new members
            1. Susan to request that DG Lee join the Board at 11:30am
        ii. Oct 10th – Groveland Oaks Camping Trip -Kathy & Tim are coordinating
            1. Volunteers needed?
            2. Food purchasing / prep / etc
        iii. Oct 22nd – Elf Magic – table of 8 available
        iv. Dec 5th – Holiday Extravaganza Parade-
            1. multi-club float being planned by DG Renee Roberts
            2. Kathy to purchase hats
            3. Gale to purchase candy
            4. David requested that Interact Club join us in parade

5. Outreach
    a. Camping at Groveland oaks – confirmed for Oct 10th
    b. All Saints – committed to continuing breakfasts – note that we can invite others to participate!
    c. Holiday Extravaganza –
    d. RYLA 2026 was a hit with our two students. Kathy to follow up with students for feedback and possible visit to club,
    e. Rotary Youth Exchange: Ahmir Russell
        i. Interview tentatively planned for Sept 17

ii. Sponsorship- full cost is around $3500, but student should shoulder some of the burden. How can we better connect with students to offer this opportunity?

f. Engaging with NDP Interact

6. Membership follow-ups
   a. Inducting Mary Broadus on Oct 1st. Susan to follow up with Mary and prepare induction packet
   b. Rick to follow up with Julia Ruffin on membership.

7. **Rotary Club of Pontiac Charities, Inc.**
   a. Unanimous approval of incoming Board of Rotary of Pontiac Charities, Inc.:

      (the most recent four past presidents of the Pontiac Rotary Club)

      Kenyada Bowman, Chair

      David Darbyshire

      Rick David

      Tim Travis

      Non-voting members are:

      Kathy Jenkins, Treasurer and Susan Ebeling, Administrator.

   b. Kathy challenged the club to be more intentional about actually spending our annual budget of around $25,000.
   c. Reminder that our spending policy is to spend up to the dividends and earnings of the brokerage account over the previous 12 months.
   d. The following expenditures were approved and will be forwarded to the Charities Board for final approval:
      i. Community Breakfast at All Saints Church - $2000.
      ii. The Holiday Extravaganza Parade - $1000
      iii. Gloves / candy for the parade – 1200 / 350 respectively
      iv. Food for the Groveland Camping outreach - $750

e. Susan noted that the financial statements for Charities are included in the online documents that can be accessed only by members with access levels which allow.

8. Additional meeting scheduled for **Tuesday Sept 22 at 5pm at Sam's office** to address a strategy for long term sustainability of the club and create a realistic action plan.

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(DG Lee at 11:30am)