



**WILLMAR ROTARY CLUB - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, July 16, 2025 (11:00 a.m.)**

Attendees: Dave Lady, Kathryn Haase, Kari Buttenhoff, Jesse Schweiss, James Miller, Michelle Goltz, Mike Kubesh, Annette Benson, Brad Schmidt, Steve Linder, and Andrew Kveene.

1. Call Meeting To Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 11:02 am by President Kubesh

2. Reports, Presentations, and Action Items

a. Secretary's Report

i. Approve [June minutes](#)

1. Motion: to approve the June Minutes was made by James Miller and Seconded by Jesse Schweiss, motion carried.

b. Treasurer's Report - Kari Buttenhoff

i. Approve June Treasurer [Packet](#) (A)

1. Motion: James Miller moved to waive the entire dues for Tim Jackson, with the condition that he must pay in full before returning to the club. The motion was seconded by Dave Lady.
2. Discussion: The group discussed identifying previous individuals who received similar consideration. Kari will review past records to determine other dues that were written off and will add those names to the list.
3. Outcome: Motion carried.
4. Motion: James Miller made a motion to approve the June Treasurers packet to accept the Financial Report and seconded by Annette Benson.
5. Outcome: Motion Carried

ii. Review and approve [budget](#)

1. Information: The budget includes membership net increases of five new members. President Mike Kubesh will send an email to our membership notifying them that dues will increase from \$850 to \$875 for full membership and from \$200 to \$210 for retired



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members. We were under budget in both Social and Youth Exchange last year.

2. Motion: A motion was made by Bill Adams to approve the budget with the addition of the Membership Drive and seconded by James Miller.
3. Outcome: Motioned carried.

c. Club Foundation Report: Kari Buitenhoff (I)

- i. A Club Foundation meeting was held recently, and several items were discussed and moved forward.
 1. The Foundation is in the process of drafting a grant proposal for bike racks at four locations: Swansson Field (south side), Dorothy Olson Aquatic Center, Rice Park, and a fourth site to be determined. Robbins Island was considered, but is not eligible due to a previous grant covering expenses there last year.
 2. Foundation members are currently gathering pricing for cement pads, bike racks, and related expenses. They also plan to reach out to other clubs to explore opportunities for maximizing district grant funding.
 3. The project is still awaiting final approval from the DNR, and as a result, construction may not begin this year. However, a delayed timeline could work to our advantage, and the Foundation remains hopeful the project will be completed next year.
 4. It was determined to have the Amphitheater Committee Report back to the board about their progress and where things are at regarding construction, funding, etc. In regard to the Amphitheater, the Foundation determined they'd donate \$250,000 of our cash, and recently committed another \$100,000, and \$50,000 anonymous donation. Answers to questions, \$300,000 right now.
 5. Michelle Goltz shared an idea of providing some sort of protection for the sound company that accompany the



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bands so equipment can be protected in times of rain or storms.

6. Added Tom Odens as a member.

7. Approved \$1,000 to a project with the Chanhassen Rotary Club.

8. Approved \$1,000 for a 4H Project

d. **Communications Report:** Bill Adams (I)

i. No Report Provided

e. **Membership Report:** Jesse Schweiss (I)

i. [Yvon Fils Aime](#)

1. Motion: Moved by James Miller and seconded by Brad Schmidt to approve membership.

2. Outcome: Motion carried.

ii. Update Membership numbers for RI

iii. Information: Can we award Rotary sponsors for getting new Rotary members? Perhaps this will incentivize people to search for more members to the club. Jesse Schweiss shared some concerns about giving awards for new Rotarians as that may be hidden motives and come across weird. Jesse Schweiss will look into ideas.

f. **Social Report:** Michelle Goltz (I)

i. Boat cruise on August 8th and Fall Festival on September 27th
1. Boat invoice has been received and food discussion is taking place. Departure will be 4:30 pm.

ii. Fall Festival planning group will coordinate the September 27th event.

g. **Rotary International Foundation Report:** Brad Schmidt (I)

i. No Report Provided

h. **International Report:** Annette Benson (I)

i. We still need host families for Rafa

ii. There was serious discussion about stopping our Youth Exchange Program.

i. **Service Report:** Dave Lady (I)



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- i. An opportunity came up to do flood assistance work over the next two days. The opportunity was politely declined due to the last minute invitation.
 - j. **Rockin Robbins Report:** James Miller
 - i. Rockin' Robbins was cancelled last evening. It was unfortunate but necessary, as a result, beer sales was down.
 - ii. Everyone got paid despite the cancellation.
 - k. **Assistant Governor Report:** Dave Lady (I)
 - i. No report.
- 3. New Business/Discussion/Action Items**
- a. President Elect - Andrew Kveene said yes
- 4. Adjournment - Meeting was moved to adjourn at 11:52 am.**