**Board of Trustees**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 14, 2022**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Overland Park Rotary Club Foundation was held at the Doubletree Hotel, Overland Park, Kansas, on the 14th day of November, 2022.

**I. Call to Order**

President Erik Rome called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. with the following board members in attendance:

Molly Camis

Jeff Ellis

Dustin Lewis

Laurie McCormack

Erik Rome

Tam Singer

Tim Steele

John Yorke

Member absent: Trent Dansel

Guests: Richard Webdell and Mary Lucy Tujague

**II. Minutes**

Jeff Ellis moved that the September 19, 2022, minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting be approved. Dustin Lewis seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**III. Administrative Matters**

**A.** Erik reported that the Foundation’s Tax form 990 will be filed on November 15th.

**B.** Laurie McCormack asked that the foundation board meeting not be on the same day as the Rotary Club board meetings. Erik said that going forward we will not have the Foundation board meeting on the second Monday of the month (the date of the Club board meetings).

**C.** Erik will pursue finding an attorney that specializes in nonprofit tax matters to determine the best organization status (e.g., private foundation, supporting organization, etc.) for the Overland Park Rotary Club Foundation. Erik knows an attorney at Lathrop GPM that could be such a person, Laurie contacted Nonprofit Connect who recommended Terry Mosteller of Mission Counsel and Dustin uses the Polsinelli law firm.

**IV. Investment Review**

Richard Webdell of OneDigital, our investment advisor, provided an overview of the current financial market and the Foundation’s investment account. He highlighted market returns and volatility. Both the equity and bond markets suffered losses year to date. He noted that inflation is significantly above the Fed’s target and Fed rate hikes are starting to have an impact on the real economy. There is a concern of a recession in the next 12 months. OneDigit forecasts an economic slowdown resulting in higher volatility.

The Foundation’s investment policy is a moderate growth strategy, which is based on an average of 60% in equities and 40% fixed income assets, and a 5% income objective. As of November 11, 2022, the Foundation had $453,000 in total assets which is down 13.4% this year. Richard noted that the fund did not have to sell equities to make the $48,000 distribution this year. Currently equity is about 60% of total assets and bond 40%. Overall, the fund is a $500,000 portfolio on a 3 year rolling average base and a 5% return. With inflation back down to 2% (the Fed’s objective) and a return of above 7% this should allow for a 5% distribution (approximately $25,000) and thus keep the fund at $500,000 adjusted for inflation going forward. It was noted that this fund is a type of quasi-endowment.

**V. Other Items**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Yorke

Secretary