

Rotary Board Meeting minutes September 14, 2021 - via Zoom

Call to Order: President Marie Pyko called the meeting to order shortly after 4pm with the following members board member present at the time the meeting was called to order or who joined during the course of the meeting: John Wall, Colleen Jamison, Zach Ahrens, Steve Knoll, Glenda DuBoise, Cody Fredrickson, Allison Marker, Bob Clawson, Stan Martindell, Marie Pyko, Shelley Woodard, Vince Frye, Janett Wiens.

In the absence of Board Secretary Carole Jordan, Colleen Jamison volunteered to take minutes for the meeting.

1. **Approval of August Board Minutes.** The minutes of the Board's August 2021 minutes were moved and seconded and approved as written.

2. **Financial Report.** President Pyko turned the meeting over to John Wall for presentation of the financial report. John Wall presented the profit and loss report containing a year to date comparison for the period from July 1 - September 14, 2020 vs July 1 - September 14, 2021. John noted that there was a large account receivables balance not reflected on the profile/loss statement for unpaid dues/fees, and notes that a large chunk of the amount is attributable to eleven people. It appears that there may be some people who've possibly resigned that dues are still accruing. After board discussion of possible causes for the situation, Stan Martindale moved that the board approve John Wall's recommendation that paper statements targeting 91+ day balances be sent to members via USPS. Seconded by Shelley. No further discussion, motion seconded and passes. John said he would take that action soon and report back at the next board meeting. President Pyko discussed whether a smaller group like the board's executive committee would get together with John to do a deeper dive into the 11 large accounts past due and the board generally agreed that such an approach would be appropriate. No motion necessary and none made. Zach Ahrens moved and Stan Martindell seconded to approve the profit and loss statement as written. There being no further discussion, the motion passed.

3. **Programs and Socials:** President Pyko noted that normally the fifth Thursday in a month - in this case September 30 - would be a date for a Rotary Social in lieu of a regular noon Rotary meeting. President Pyko noted that Rotary Cubed with the Minneapolis and Harlem Rotary Clubs was slated to take place on September 30 instead of a social. President Pyko noted the Topeka Club is in charge of Rotary Cubed meeting on September 30 and Glenda Du Bois reported that we are confirming speakers to address the impact of redlining on multiple cities in the US - Topeka, Minneapolis and the Bronx.

Steven Knoll confirmed that Thursday October 28 will be a Pints for Polio fundraiser at the Blind Tiger and will have the Cally Krullman painting painted for the Topeka Rotary a few months ago to auction off. He is hopeful that with the additional coverage from WIBW, Facebook and involvement of the public at large it will be a successful event.

4. **2022 Bookings** - President Pyko noted that there are two dates in spring 2022 where Rotary would not have access to Kay's Garden. Vince Frye noted that the Zoo could

accommodate us in other locations within the Zoo. Steve Knoll and Marie Pyko noted that the Zoo is not charging us for the use of the space so we are happy to be flexible with the zoo.

5. **Service Project Proposal** - Janett Wiens presented the service committee's new form for Rotarians to propose service projects meeting Rotary's Service Above Self motto. Board members expressed general approval of the idea as a way to further involve members and keep the service projects at the forefront. Janett Wiens praised the service committee members Cody Fredrickson, Steve Knoll, Wayne Pancoast, and Carole Jordan.

6. **Membership.** President Pyko presented two proposed new members Carl Frazier and Lines Frazier. After a brief discussion by those recommending them, Steve Knoll moved and Allison seconded to accept both applications.

7. **Social Justice.** Nothing further to report from the Social Justice Committee after discussion earlier regarding Rotary Cubed on September 30.

8. **Public Relations.** Zach Ahrens discussed promotions and activities of the public relations committee.

9. **Other New Business.** President Pyko received a request from the Pollinator Project to write a letter supporting the project. Stan Martindell moved and Colleen Jamison seconded to support the project and write the letter. Motion carried.

10. **Secretary to the Board.** President Pyko reported that Carole Jordan will resign from the board and her position as Secretary to the board as a result of her presidency of the League of Women Voters. Stan Martindell noted that it is a one year appointment and, as an aside, noted that he needed to begin to engage the nomination committee. Stan Martindell stated that he liked Lee Morris' August 2021 minutes. Colleen Jamison then volunteered to take over Carole Jordan's Secretary to the Board position with the caveat that it was not a position in the line of succession to the presidency and on the condition that she never be asked to be president.

Vince Frye noted both speakers at the September 16 meeting are past Rotarians and one is a past district governor

Zach Ahrens moved to adjourn the meeting and Allison Marker seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned 5:07pm

Colleen Jamison