



**ROTARY CLUB OF TACOMA #8
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday April 17, 2017 at 4:00 P.M.
President Becky Fontaine, Presiding**

Board Member	Office	Present	Excused
Becky Fontaine	President 2016-2017	X	
Mark B. Anderson	President Elect 2017-2018	X	
Barry Benson	Immediate Past President	X	
Jim Henderson	Secretary 2016-2018	X	
Jeremy Fogelquist	Treasurer 05/16/2016 to 06/30/2017	X	
Peter Carlstrom	Board Member 2014-2017 Term	X	
Jim Merritt	Board Member 2014-2017 Term	X	
Melanie Rushforth	Board Member 2014-2017 Term	X	
Kirsten Willis	Board Member 2014-2017 Term	X	
Jeff Albers	Board Member 2015-2018 Term	X	
Maria Harlow	Board Member 2015-2018 Term		X
Tracy Peacock	Board Member 2015-2018 Term	X	
Elliot Stockstad	Board Member 2015-2018 Term	X	
Marsha Burns	Board Member 2016-2019 Term	X	
Ali Criss	Board Member 2016-2019 Term		X
Stacey Ogle	Board Member 2016-2019 Term		X
Greg Rolsma	Board Member 2016-2019 Term	X	
Other Attendees			
Linda Kaye Briggs	President Elect Nominee	X	
Kathi Willis	Club Administrator	X	
Bob Fredrickson	Scholarship Committee Chair	X	

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM. A quorum was present.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Scholarship Committee Chair Bob Frederickson presented the recommendations from his committee on awarding scholarships to area high school students after their applications were received, the students were interviewed by committee members, and the committee met and deliberated on the scholarship awards. A total of \$35,500 was awarded to the students and Bob thanked the Board for the additional money from the 2016 Auction 'Raise the Paddle'. The students will be invited to attend the May 25 Rotary meeting to be recognized. Greg Rolsma moved and Mark Anderson seconded, to approve the scholarship committee awards as presented. **Motion carried.**

A. CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Greg Rolsma to accept the Consent Agenda. Jeff Albers seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

Note: The consent Agenda will be approved in one motion, with discussion only on those items where there are questions. Otherwise, we will vote to accept the material as noted.

- Minutes of the March 20, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting
- Executive Committee Minutes

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jeremy Fogelquist presented the Financial Report. Jeremy reviewed the Foundation Report and the figures from Union Bank and the Investment Account realized a gain of \$9K from the last report. He reported that the Finance Committee had met and reviewed the Club's Financials. Jeremy called attention that weekly meetings continue to be over budget and trending to be around \$20K over by the end of this Rotary Year. He called attention to the A/R Aging and urged members who are on this list to get their accounts paid. The preliminary financial figures for the 2017 Auction show a net of around

\$140K and \$65K for the Raise the Paddle. The 990 report was completed and will be submitted to the IRS. Kirsten Willis moved to accept the Financial Report, and it was seconded by Jeff Albers. **Financial Report accepted as presented.**

MEMBERSHIP ITEMS

Chair Greg Rolsma reported there are no new members in the pipeline at this time, but this has been a solid year for new members joining the club. Jim Merritt urged that a list of possible targets for membership in both the 'for profit' and 'nonprofit' business be updated so it can be targeted for new memberships. The board was advised that Bruce Dammeier was being recommended for honorary membership. Jeff Albers moved acceptance and Tracy Peacock seconded accepting the Membership Report. **Motion carried.**

CLUB AND BOARD INFO

President Becky reported that Spring Firesides would be held on May 2 and that sign-up sheets would be on the tables at the next two meetings. The probably question to be posed to members attending the Firesides will be about the Courage Race. She reported that many Pierce County Clubs are still deciding what type of support and involvement will be given to the new race. She is meeting with our members who were involved with the race as riders and rest stop helpers, to gauge what they wish our club to do. She will be asking club members to email their feedback to her.

Jim and Kathryn Whitacre have been accepted into the Friendship Exchange this fall and they will be going to the Canadian Maritime provinces as part of it.

Becky reported that Olivia Hale, who was a former Rotary Outbound Exchange Student, will not be applying after all for an Ambassadorial Scholarship for this fall.

Jim Henderson provided an update on the **Bylaws Review**, including three meetings with Past President Jeff Rounce, President Elect Mark and member Stephen Deal. Jim recently met with the Membership Committee seeking their input on Membership Categories and Attendance.

Barry Benson then provided an update on the allocation of the remaining money from the Imagine Auction 'Raise the Paddle'. \$12K will be allocated to the Sparks Grant Program from the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation; \$8K additional money for high school scholarships; \$10K for Community Grants, and a small amount of money left unallocated.

President Becky reported on the success of the recent Tacomi Vice auction. Nearly \$65K for the 'Raise the Paddle' for various literacy causes, and she is doing personal thank you's for those who donated \$1K or more. Becky reported that she has talked with teachers of 'Shop Programs' at Lincoln High School about their students building the little libraries and that it looks like it would cost about \$800 to build and stock these.

There was some discussion about future Auctions on chair and vice or co-chair roles, and that it would be important to have a more formalized process and structure for the auction from year to year for the various leadership roles. There is a desire to have more help from Club Members on the auction so that the Office staff can concentrate on normal Rotary things versus having to do so much Auction work. Jim Merritt wondered if perhaps Auction co-chairs could not be a member of the club and their spouse in the future.

President-Elect Mark then reported on the feedback he received asking members for comments on the offsite meeting recently at La Quinta. He received over 40 responses. Members were asked to comment on the food and meal costs, parking, sound, how the room worked. Some members remarked that they consider our 'home' to be the Landmark. He said 75% liked the venue choice. It was suggested that the committee looking at possible future venues be expanded to include some members from the club.

President-Elect Mark then talked about the subject of members attending meetings and having lunch and the financial repercussions we are facing as a club with that not happening every week. Should there be some sort of financial penalty if members do not attend a meeting. By the end of the year we will pay

around \$20K to the Landmark by not meeting a weekly meal count. What is the incentive to attend the meetings each week? Should there be some sort of facility/building and parking charge. Jeremy said that if there were more members, (up to a total of 50) on the Prepaid Meal plan, that alone would solve the problem. Mark Anderson moved that the Board give the Executive Committee the authority to develop and implement a plan to address the situation. This would be a stop gap measure until we are at the end of the Meal Count lease with the Landmark. Jeff Albers seconded. **Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm

Next Board Meeting: Monday May 15, 2017 4:00 to 5:30 PM, in the 4th Floor Doric Room