



**ROTARY CLUB OF TACOMA #8
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday August 23, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.
President Kim Bedier, Presiding**

Board Member	Office	Present	Excused
Kim Bedier	President	X	
Kathryn Nelson	Immediate Past President	X	
Maria Harlow	President Elect	X	
Greg Rolsma	Vice-President	X	
Cindy Grady	Secretary 2020-2022	X	
DeAnne Hamilton	Treasurer 2021-23	X	
Seth Kaplowitz	Board Member 2021-2024 Term	X	
Emily Mendez-Bryant	Board Member 2021-2024 Term	X	
Tim Daly	Board Member 2021-2014 Term	X	
Diane Tilstra	Board Member 2021-2024 Term		X
Diane Kelleher	Board Member 2019-2022 Term	X	
Christina Turner	Board Member 2019-2022 Term		X
John Schneider	Board Member 2019-2022 Term	X	
Gil Quante	Board Member 2019-2022 Term		X
Sherri Stanton	Board Member 2020-2023 Term	X	
Jeremy Simler	Board Member 2020-2023 Term		X
Chris Serface	Board Member 2020-2023 Term	X	
Clay Zhang	Board Member 2020-2023 Term		X
Guests			
Kathi Willis	Club Administrator	X	

Meeting called to order at 4:04 PM. A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Reminder if need for discussion on consent agenda please get to Kathi or Maria prior to the meeting. Minutes of July 26, 2021 Board meeting and August 10, 2021 Executive meeting had no changes. **Tim motioned and Chris seconded approval, all approved, Consent agenda passed.**

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

Needs: Cindy reminded board we need Board Greeters at the door at meetings that person will also manage the Roving Mic as well as volunteers to do weekly birthday call greetings.

Membership Report: Motion to ratify 4 new member proposals. **Kathryn motioned to approve all 4, Cindy seconded, all approved, motion passes** (Jenn Jensen, Quan Vu, Stephanie Nicklaus and Elizabeth Collins). **Approval of Amanda Walker as new member...Maria moved, Chris seconded, all approved, motion passes.**

Club Admin search: Maria reported first search meeting will be held Friday, August 27. Still looking for a location...may end up being by zoom (it did). Most likely will not be hiring a search firm due to costs.

President Transition Plan: Maria will be announcing together with Kim on 8/26, and turnover day will be held where Maria becomes President on 9/9/21.

November Elections: We need 4 Officer and 6 Board....1/2 are appointed, 1/2 are elected...Elections take place in October. Officer Committee includes Carol Duris, Brien Elvins, Jan Brazzell and DeAnne Hamilton. Board Committee includes Carolyn Weyrick and Emily Mendez-Bryant. There will be articles in the Gearshift.

Action Plans and Citation Goals: Kim discussion of goal revisions needed. Club membership goal was at 230, as of 8.14.21 at 244. Decision to revise this goal to 260 decided. Membership Action plan goal of 10 with a stretch goal of 25 discussion. (is this New member sponsors or Service Projects?) When we move to LaQuinta it would be ideal to have 50 people sign up for the meal plan, so club doesn't lose money.

Member participation in giving...at least 50%of club members donate \$25 to Rotary Foundation...should there be a campaign to be sure this is accomplished? Also plan to participate in Rotary Day of Service with at least one other club. Work on getting those who don't give engaged...remembering this is a living document as we work.

COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND LIASON REPORTS (as needed):

Kim reminded all to work on committee 3 "smart goals". Also passed a form around about the Public Image Reporter and Engagment Officer...be sure each committee fulfills all roles.

Projects: Carol Webster had sent in a request for Afghan refugee assistance. Brought up that Lutheran Social Services is working on hygiene kits. Wanted to make board aware of request but not before the committee yet. Will discuss at 1st Friday in September Projects Committee meeting.

Red Cross Funding request – help in packing bags for military. \$2500 needed as a line item from Presidential Discretionary Fund budget. **Diane made motion to do so, Tim seconded, all approved, motion passed.**

DEAI: Survey included in packet asking board to approve committee speaking to club. Board gave approval to proceed.

Discussion about if Tribal Land Acknowledgement should be read at every meeting going forward. Should it be monthly. No strong opinion...plan to ask tribe (Mike Thompson is a member). Discussion of Patriotic songs and what should be sung going forward...does it always have to be patriotic, or could be just inspirational.

International Services: Seth shared 3 funding requests from the International Services Committee:

- 1) Shelter Box \$5,000 for Haiti
- 2) Latrines/ Oceanside Nwawasua \$5,000 from Tacoma 8 to support Nanaimo Club global grant
- 3) Thurston Malawi ground water \$5,000 from Tacoma 8 to support Olympia Club global grant

All are within committee budget funds.

Maria made motion for approval of expenditure, Cindy seconded, all approved, motion passed.

Programs: Kim updated that going forward to La Quinta need 50 people at each meeting. Brought up idea of possible virtual speakers occasionally (not sure a doable thing at La Quinta...TBD.)

Auction: Cindy reported that post-auction wrap up meeting will be held at the office 8/30 at 1pm. Auction for 2022 is set for Saturday, April 9th at the Tacoma Little Theatre. First planning meeting will be held in September...Miriam and Cindy will get dates planned.

Information: Maria just gave update on new members

Foundation/PGG: DeAnne gave update that smart goals are completed and turned in. Jim Henderson will be their public image person and Kirsten their Engagment person

Literacy: Sherri reported they are speaking with Palmer Scholars as part of their smart goals. They are also working on restocking libraries and tracking when they are complete.

Military: Tim reported Veterans Day is 11/11/21 this is a Thursday at 5 at Goodwill. Working on packing kits for Veterans Day. Perhaps associated with the approved request from Projects. Program for Rotary being planned for 11/4 meeting.

Vocational Service: Gil will be their public image person, Jim will be engagement. Working on annually having business ethics speakers, quarterly vocational speakers and updating membership both by vocation and industry. Also speaking to schools about student career days.

Welcome: Emily updated on re-establishing the ambassador and mentoring programs, including getting new members connected and joining committees.

Fellowship: Maria said not very active due to covid hardships. Working on getting more diversity in activities, needing to host and promote more. Want to be sure engagement , information and welcome committees are inter-connected.

Communications: Jeremy sent things into the District to keep them informed of Tacoma 8 activities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Multi-District agreement included in packet....need board support of this.
Tim motioned to approved, Chris seconded, all agreed, motion passed.

Discussion of if Tacoma 8 needs hybrid meeting capabilities (zoom, facetime, YouTube etc.) going forward....can be done from the Rotary office. Decision made to keep the option open as we move forward in covid times.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Kathryn talked about the added Engagement/Public Relations usage....getting more information to general membership through Gearshift, District, etc. Feels committees need to reach out to the community more and make Tacoma 8's activities better known...better external communications.

Meeting adjourned 5:25 pm

Next Board meeting: Date September 27, 2021, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, Rotary Office

Recorded by: Cindy Grady, Secretary