



**ROTARY CLUB OF TACOMA #8
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday August 26, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.
President Carol Duris, Presiding**

Board Member	Office	Present	Excused
Carol Duris	President 2019-2020	X	
Linda Kaye Briggs	Immediate Past President 2019-2020	X	
Kathryn Nelson	President Elect 2020-2021	X	
Cindy Niemi	Secretary 2018-2020		X
Robin Echtle	Treasurer 2019-2021	X	
Jan Brazzell	Board Member 2017-2020 Term	X	
Bryan Flint	Board Member 2017-2020 Term	X	
Jim Henderson	Board Member 2017-2020 Term	X	
Harrison Laird	Board Member 2017-2020 Term	X	
Libby Catalinich	Board Member 2018-2021 Term	X	
Jace Dwinell	Board Member 2018-2021 Term	X	
Daryl Hembry	Board Member 2018-2021 Term		X
Carol Webster	Board Member 2018-2021 Term		X
Diane Kelleher	Board Member 2019-2022 Term	X	
Gil Quante	Board Member 2019-2022 Term	X	
John Schneider	Board Member 2019-2022 Term		X
Christina Turner	Board Member 2019-2022 Term	X	
	Other Attendees		
Kathi Willis	Club Administrator	X	

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

President Carol Duris added an item to the 'Administrative Work' area of the Agenda, **VP Nominee Selection.**

Note: The Consent Agenda was approved in one motion, with discussion only on those items where there were questions or changes.

- Minutes of the July 22 Board of Directors Meeting
- Executive Committee Minutes, August 13, 2019

Administrative Work

President Carol reviewed the list of **Board Liaisons** for the 2019-2020 year. She asked if any board members had gone to any committees that they are board liaison to. It is her hope that the liaisons will bring the strategic plan to the committees and talk about the tactics of how the committees will support the goals of the plan.

Membership Reports. The Executive Committee approved the membership proposal of Elaine Chan, with a classification of Financial Services, Elaine Chan who had service a few years ago in West Seattle Rotary Club. The board was asked to ratify the Executive Committee action. Linda Kaye Briggs moved, and Kathryn Nelson seconded. **Motion Carried.**

The membership items included new member prospects; Clarence Henderson, Government Services proposed by Kathryn Nelson, David Setford proposed by Maria Harlow and Philip Curiale proposed by Cindy Niemi. Harrison Laird moved, and Bryan Flint seconded to accept them for membership. **Motion carried.** There was one Classification change for Gil Quante from Business Services Computers, to Printing and Publishing – Magazines. Harrison Liard moved, and Libby Catalinich seconded to approve the change. **Motion Carried.** This gives us four new proposals in the Membership Pipeline. President Carol

talked about her once a month gathering called 'Coffee with Carol' for new and recent members. DG Mo attended the last one and enjoyed it. The Foundations PGG Committee co-chairs also presented information at the meeting.

President Carol talked about the email she had sent to all club members today to asking them to take the time to fill out the PGG form to support the TRF Foundation and the RI Foundation, Polio eradication and Programs and Projects. She passed out pledge forms to several board members who requested them.

110th Anniversary Celebration President Carol talked about the upcoming 110th Anniversary for Tacoma #8 Rotary, chartered in February 1910. It is her hope that we have some sort of dinner celebration in January or February. She asked a member to lead the effort but has not had that person accept doing it. She wanted to have a fun evening with perhaps one or two speakers. President Elect Kathryn Nelson suggested the event be priced to cover the costs and not be a fundraiser. It is also the 115th Anniversary of Rotary. Perhaps invite the other Rotary Club that Tacoma #8 have chartered. Some suggested it could be a birthday party theme and we could invite other area Rotary Clubs to participate with us.

VP Nominee Selection Linda Kaye Briggs then reported on the work of the Officer Nomination Committee which reconvened at the end of July as a result of the recently passed bylaw change which called for a VP nominee position for the club. Members who met included Mike Dunbar, Carolyn Weyrick, Jim Henderson, Jace Dwinell and Linda Kaye. The group identified a number of potential candidates for the position and then prioritized them from #1 to #12 and assigned committee members to make the contact and ask. Member Kim Bedier was asked after other members declined, and said she would take that position. Some members said the timing was not right and that they would consider the role in the future. The VP Nominee would be able to attend the October Large Club Conference to be held in Chattanooga. This is a new process and the bylaws allow for it to be treated as a vacant position and the person selected would be a consensus candidate. President Carol asked the board to vote to approve Kim for this position. Gil Quante moved, and Robin Echtle seconded to approve Kim Bedier for this position. **Motion carried.**

Committee Requests and Liaison Reports

World Community Services member Kathryn Nelson then talked about a Grant Request from that committee. The amount requested is \$5,000 going toward a Global Grant in the Khomas District, around Windhoek, capital of Namibia. This grant request would support the work of Tacoma Sunrise Rotary. Funds will be used to provide RACHEL-Plus systems to the remaining 'Farm Schools' and provide a container of books to schools in the Khomas District. This Global Grant will be matched at both the District level and by Rotary International. Linda Kaye Briggs moved to support this grant request, and Robin Echtle seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Kathryn then briefly talked about a second request to join the Rotary Club of Olympia and other Thurston County Rotary Clubs in their Cool Jazz – Clean Water Fundraiser. The proceeds in part support a WASRAG (water) project. There were some questions about this grant request and Kathryn was asked to review the request again with the WCS Committee, then bring it back at a later date for Board discussion and approval.

Strategic Plan

President Carol led the board through a discussion on elements of the clubs Strategic Plan including priority goals of 'Expand our Reach'.

'a' **Grow and diversify membership to better reflect and serve our community.** Key indicators would be increase in membership anywhere, and can we make improvements, and how do we attract younger members and achieve age diversification and diversity. Kathryn Nelson suggested said we should try to increase diversity to reflect Pierce County demographics. We have diversity by occupation now and size of businesses, but we are currently limited to having just age and gender demographics. How do we gather this information? Linda Kaye Briggs said we must do it carefully and be mindful of what we will do with what we gather.

'b' Improve member retention. Retention of new members who joined recently and in past year. There was sentiment to make people who joined recently, to a larger group, perhaps those who have joined in the past 2 to 3 years.

'c' Increase collaboration and connection with other Rotary Clubs and organizations to achieve service goals. Key indicators on the number of clubs we collaborate with and whether they are world projects or local projects.

'd' Better promote and publicize Rotary, its Core Values, our club, and our club's projects, programs, service impact, networking opportunities, and signature events. Measuring this is challenging. We could count the number of guests/visors we have at weekly meetings. We could do a signature birthday event at our 110th Anniversary/birthday.

Gil Quante briefly mentioned the recent hospital visit of Past President Jim Whitacre.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm. Minutes recorded by Jim Henderson