



**ROTARY CLUB OF TACOMA #8
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday August 24, 2020 at 4:00 P.M.
President Kathryn Nelson, Presiding**

Board Member	Office	Present	Excused
Kathryn Nelson	President	X	
Carol Duris	Immediate Past President	X	
Kim Bedier	President Elect 2020-2021	X	
Maria Harlow	Vice-President	X	
Cindy Grady	Secretary 2021-2023		X
Robin Echte	Treasurer 2019 -2021		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	
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	
Jacki Farrar	Board member 2020-2023 Term	X	
Chris Serface	Board Member 2020-2023 Term	X	
Clay Zhang	Board Member 2020-2023 Term	X	
Kathi Willis	Club Administrator	X	

Virtual meeting (due to Governor Inslee's order Stay Home. Stay Healthy. Re COVID-19 virus) called to order at 4:00 PM. A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 27, 2020 Board of Directors meeting
- Minutes of the August 11, 2020 Executive committee meeting

Chris motioned, Carol Webster seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion Carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

Membership Report

We currently have 256 members - 251 active and 4 honorary. We have one or two in the pipeline who should be introduced soon, some others who had seemed hopeful have dropped off. Carol reported that it is difficult to recruit during this time of Social distancing, but we continue to reach out. The board ratified the approval by the Executive Committee to admit Jonathan Jackson as a transfer from Tacoma North

DEI Committee Report

Kim Bedier gave update on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) committee. One of the first tasks the committee tackled was the development of a new diversity statement for the club. the board reviewed the document and Carol Webster made a motion to accept the statement, there was a second from Libby and the board approved it unanimously. It will be added to the upcoming Gearshift and will be on the website as well. Communications Committee will look at other ways to share. Kim also reported that we have prepared a request for the District to identify \$25,000 in educational funding to be used for the clubs in Pierce County to match in order to employ an expert who will develop a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program customized to the Rotary Clubs in the District.

Board Fundraising calls

Kathryn requested a report from each board member about the success of their calls to members to help with Rotarians to the Rescue gifts. Most board members had not received a response or had been unable to make the calls.

Nominating committees

Kathryn reported that the Executive committee had identified the prospective appointed members of the Board and Officer Nominating Committees and that calls were being made. She clarified that if a member was serving on the Officer Nominating Committee, they could not offer their name to serve as an officer. A Board Nominating Committee member could offer to be on the ballot because they would ultimately be elected by the club.

Election of a Board replacement

Kathryn reported that Daryl Hembry is not able to attend Zoom meetings and she has accepted his resignation from the board because we want a full complement of active board members. The Executive committee offered 4 names as potential replacements including two candidates who had been on the ballot recently. Board members ranked the candidates and Kathryn will extend the invitation to have someone fulfill the remainder of his term through June 2021.

November/December Board meeting

The group agreed that December 14 was a viable date for all who were present

COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

International Service Committee:

Requested \$5,000 to support Sunrise Rotary and a Global Grant for Hydroponic gardening in Namibia in eight farm schools and \$1,000 in support of Lakewood Rotary and a grant to purchase seeds for farms where families are moving to get away from the city during COVID. It was verified that there is money in the budget to support these efforts. Carol Webster made the motion to approve the grants it was seconded by Carol Duris and passed unanimously.

Literacy Committee:

Sheri updated all that there is still a need for little libraries, and they are also researching if they might be able to do an essay contest to support school children's learning.

Communication Committee:

Chris updated all on meetings and work of the committee to look at methods of communication

Grants Committee:

Clay update that committee doing 2 rounds this year vs 3 (grants due 9/25/2020 and 1/28/2021) The application has been amended to include a request for a diversity statement from all applicants. They are also updating the scoring sheet.

RYE Committee:

Carol updated they are focused on outbound but not sure what will be happening due to COVID

Interact:

Jace reported that we are losing the long-time advisor and he is going to try to meet with her to understand next steps in finding a replacement.

Projects Committee:

Diane reported that we are still doing sandwiches for TRM, they are talking about Santa for Seniors, there might be a possibility to do something for Communities in Schools and EFN activities.

Engagement Committee:

Jacki reported they are just starting to meet and have recruited new members

Welcome Committee:

Maria reported this is the re-branded Pandaka Committee and she has recruited newer members to have them help us develop the best way to get new members involved.

Program Committee:

Kim reported that they are moving along and are not scheduling too far in advance. There was a question if we could share our YouTube videos of candidate forums with other clubs and it was thought that we should inform the speakers that we would like to make that available to smaller clubs.

Maria reminded members that she needs volunteers to make birthday calls so please say yes when she calls.

Next Board meeting: Date September 28, 4:00 pm, Zoom

Adjourned 5:04 pm

Respectfully submitted by Maria Harlow