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| **Board Member** | **Office** | **Present** | **Excused** |
| Greg Rolsma | President | X |  |
| Maria Harlow | Immediate Past President |  | X |
| Chris Serface | President-Elect | X |  |
| Whitney Grisaffi | Vice President |  | X |
| Sherri Stanton | Secretary 2022-2024 | X |  |
| Dan Bogart | Treasurer 2023-2025 |  | X |
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| Emily Mendez-Bryant | Board Member 2021-2024 Term | X |  |
| Tim Daly | Board Member 2021-2024 Term |  | X |
| Diane Tilstra | Board Member 2021-2024 Term | X |  |
| Doug Hedger | Board Member 2022-2024 Term | X |  |
| Miriam Barnett | Board Member 2022-2025 Term | X |  |
| Corey Hjalseth | Board Member 2022-2025Term | X |  |
| Randy Kinnamon | Board Member 2022-2025 Term | X |  |
| Stephen Deal | Board Member 2022-2025 Term | X |  |
| Sharon Benson | Board Member 2023-2026 Term | X |  |
| Barbara Wyatt | Board Member 2023-2026 Term | X |  |
| John Bailey | Board Member 2023-2026 Term | X |  |
| Joy Vivar Beeks | Board Member 2023–2026 Term |  | X |
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| Mike Dunbar | Guest | X |  |
| David Snyder | Club Administrator | X |  |
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**Meeting called to order at 4:03 PM.**

Greg extended an official welcome and thanked new board members and members who volunteered to put their name on the ballot in addition to the incoming vice president and secretary.

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

Mike Dunbar presented a proposal on behalf of this year’s Lifetime Achievement Award committee to rename the award in honor of Jim Harris: The James M Harris Lifetime Achievement Award. The proposal was discussed, and Greg recommended the proposal be voted on at the next board meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Barbara moved to approve the consent agenda, including board meeting minutes from October 23, 2023 and executive committee minutes from November 4, 2023. Miriam seconded. **All in favor, motion passed.**

**Membership**

The club currently has 216 members plus 3 honorary members. There are 2 members awaiting introduction, Daniel Powell and Audrie Jones. Former member Jeff Lovely will be re-introduced to the club when he is back in town.

**Rotarian of the Year**

Nominations are needed by January 18th. The recipient will be selected the week of January 22nd and announced on February 29th. Clarification was requested on whether a prior recipient could be nominated again. The board will discuss and make a decision on the matter at the next board meeting.

**COMMITTEES**

**Auction –** Barbara reviewed a written report provided to the board. The goal for sponsorship had been set at $1000,000 and the goal for procurement is $70,000. The cost per attendee is estimated at $73 per person which is approximately $5,000 less than last year. The board was asked to provide input on the offer on the back side of the raffle ticket. The board agreed on a 25% discount at Carr’s. Discussion of raise the paddle recipient and whether the Community Service Award recipient would be awarded at the auction.

**Classification** – no report. The committee’s quick turnaround was acknowledged.

**Communications** – no report

**Community Service Projects** – Doug reported that 300 bags were assembled at last month’s in-meeting service project and the next in-meeting project is being planned. Salvation Army bell ringing was also well supported. Discussion about Earth Day and how Rotary 8 could support a project.

**DEAI** – The committee is reviewing the scholarship committee’s selection processes and candidate scoring. Additionally, they are discussing Fireside feedback follow up. Bryan will be stepping down from the chair role for the next 4 months. Diane will be filling the position and serving as board liaison.

**Finance** – Greg reported the committee is still working on arranging a credit card with Heritage Bank that doesn’t require a personal guarantee. Availability of funds to support a major project is also still being worked on.

**Foundation** – no report

**Grants** – Miriam reflected on the need in the community. There are 19 applicants in the first round of funding with total requests of $155,000. Only top scoring applications will be funded.

**Orientation** – Brien is considering moving back to two presentations for orientation vs. one.

**Interact** – Corey reported that the students held a Christmas gathering in December and wrote notes to seniors. Next month they are interested in joining with Rotary 8 at an EFN repack.

**International Services** – Barry prepared a report for the board to provide an update on the work, reach and impact of the committee.

**Literacy –** Four new little libraries are being finished up this week and more research is being done on how Rotary could support the Imagination Library effort locally. Greg requested that Brenda provide a proposal at the next board meeting.

**Membership** – Corey reported on a brainstorming meeting conducted by the committee. Discussion of ways to engage existing members and the importance of doing so.

**Military** – no report

**Programs** – Programs are booked out until April. Suggestion for a program where the club shares out what we are already doing – “toot our own horn.”

**Scholarship** – $4,000 in unclaimed scholarship funding has now been claimed. $10,000 still outstanding. The DEAI committee is reviewing some of the processes.

**Vocational** – Business Expo has 13 tables reserved. Michelle Roberts will be leading the meeting that day as the winner of the “President for the Day’ auction item.

**Welcome and Engagement** – Kirsten and Michael convened an initial committee meeting that was well attended.

**Rotary Youth Exchange** – no report

**Youth Protection Officer** – no report

**Youth Services Officer** – no report

**NEW BUSINESS**  
Membership Drive Proposal

Discussion of a proposal by the Membership and Recruitment committee for funding to support a new member drive. Greg announced he would provide $1,000 from his discretionary budget as needed and the board agreed to the committee using $750 of the committee’s budgeted funds to support the drive as well. Total funds available to the committee for the new member drive are $1,750.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

John presented an idea for consideration: An award that would recognize club members for their hours of service, modeled after the Paul Harris Award that rewards members for fundraising.

**Meeting Adjourned** **– 5:38 pm**

**Next Board meeting Date: Monday, January 22, 2023, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, Rotary Office**

**Recorded by:  Sherri Stanton, Secretary**