



ROTARY CLUB OF TACOMA #8 MEETING MINUTES Tuesday February 16, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. President Barry Benson, Presiding

Board Member	Office	Present	Absent
Barry Benson	President	X	
Becky Fontaine	President Elect as of July 1, 2015	X	
Ray Schuler	Immediate Past President	X	
Cap Pearson	Secretary 2014-2016	X	
Ed Ulman	Treasurer 2015-2017		X
Kathryn Nelson	Board Member 2013-2016 Term	X	
Peter Norman	Board Member 2013-2016 Term	X	
Bill Pickles	Board Member 2013-2016 Term	X	
Carol Webster	Board Member 2013-2016 Term	X	
Peter Carlstrom	Board Member 2014-2017 Term	X	
Melanie Manista-Rushforth	Board Member 2014-2017 Term	X	
Jim Merritt	Board Member 2014-2017 Term	X	
Kirsten Willis	Board Member 2014-2017 Term	X	
Jeff Albers	Board Member 2015-2018 Term	X	
Tracy Peacock	Board Member 2015-2018 Term	X	
Maria DeVore	Board Member 2015-2018 Term		X
Elliot Stockstad	Board Member 2015-2018 Term	X	
Officers Elected to Take Office July 1, 2016			
Mark B. Anderson	President Elect as of July 1, 2016		X
Jim Henderson	Secretary 2016-2018	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	
Interested Parties and Guests			

Staff- Kathi Willis

Meeting called to order at

- A. CONSENT AGENDA** It was moved by Ray Schuler to approve the Consent Agenda items which include the Minutes from the January 19th BOD's meeting, the Avenue Chair reports and the January Financial Reports. The motion was seconded and 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.

1. Minutes of January 19, 2016 Board of Directors' Meeting
2. Committee/Avenue Chair Reports
3. January Financials
 - a. Foundation Report

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b. Operating and Fundraising Accounts

- B. MEMBERSHIP ITEMS** It was moved by Kathryn Nelson to approve the membership Items. The motion was seconded by Carol Webster. The motion passed.

(Please note: membership and other standard club reports are included under this Section.)

C. PRESIDENT’S DISCUSSION – Barry Benson

1. Landmark Discussion – Becky Fontaine

Becky met with Larry and Ken Milsap, General Manager, February 4th after Rotary. He seemed very amenable to letting us sub-lease some of our current space; he did not say no to finding us a smaller office, if a new tenant wanted our current space, but I did not get the impression we would go out of his way to find a tenant.

- a. He is willing to put us in a smaller room; if we do this it will mean using the elevator and if he rents the meeting space we currently use, parking will be a zoo. We don’t pay room rental as it is a part of our meal costs. The only thing a smaller room might do for us is not have it feel so cavernous.
- b. Larry did not seem amenable to averaging meals out over a quarter nor offering a lighter fare at a lower price.
- c. I gave him the opportunity to talk about issues and concerns he had. The one frustration he had is that in our lease it talks about when we do events offsite, and if the venue allows, we should allow him to bid on the meal. He is acutely aware that last year’s auction was at the Marine Center and he was not notified of this nor asked to submit a bid. He said he felt like the staff avoided him on this issue. Even Larry said, “You don’t have to accept my bid, but I should have been included”. I made sure he knew this year’s auction was at the Pavilion.

There was some discussion after Becky’s report but no definitive course of action was settled on and it seemed to those present that the only potential action might be finding a tenant to sublease the extra office space.

2. Board of Directors’ Auction Item – Kirstin Willis

In the past the Board has donated a “Bar basket” to the auction. It was decided that the Board would do the same this year and is therefore looking for at least a \$50.00 donation from each of the Board members. Alternatively items for the bar such as bottles of quality liquor could be donated, though it emphasized that there was not specialty theme for the donation. Ray Schuler said that he would donate some good cigars to the package.

3. Fireside report – Carol Webster

The question that the President put before the last firesides was: How can you make Rotary 8 more welcoming to visitors and guests. The general agreement is that we as a group need to pay attention to guests. We need to introduce them to those at the immediate table and to those who drop by the tables. Those at the tables and are nearby need to engage visiting Rotarians and other guests in conversation, and be outgoing so the guests feel the club is friendly, and not that they are being ignored.

4. **Free Lunches for Potential new members:** Barry Benson reminded the Board of Directors that there was a trial period for offering free lunches up to three visits for potential new members to Rotary 8, and that the trial period was really supposed to be over. However, Barry didn’t see that the continuation of the free lunches was going to cost us very much so should we continue the program? Cap Pearson moved that the free lunch program for potential new members be continued (at least until the end of the fiscal year). Becky Fontaine seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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D. COMMITTEE ISSUES

1. Community Service Grant request for \$5000 (See Attachment in Board of Directors’ Packet).
Kathryn Nelson moved to approve the request. Carol Webster seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. DISTRICT TRAINING

Becky Fontaine reminded the Board of Directors that District Leadership Training Assembly is in Victoria BC April 1st to the 3rd. She encouraged the new and continuing board members to attend.

F. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at about 4:53 P.M.

Next Board Meeting: Monday March 21, 2016 at 4:00 PM, in the 4th Floor Ionic Room.

Avenue Chair Reports are due by end of Business hours
Friday March 11, 2016