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| **Board Member**  | **Office** | **Present** | **Excused** |
| Maria Harlow | President  | X |  |
| Whitney Grisaffi | Vice President Elect | X |  |
| Chris Serface  | Vice President  |  | X |
| Greg Rolsma  | President Elect | X |  |
| Sherri Stanton  | Secretary 2022-2024 | X |  |
| DeAnne Hamilton  | Treasurer 2021-2023 |  | 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 |  |
| Brenda Gaspar  | Board Member 2022-2023 Term |  | X |
| Heather Faverman | Board Member 2022-2023 Term | X |  |
| Clay Zhang | Board Member 2020-2023 Term |  | X |
| Troy Christensen | Board member 2021-2023 Term |  | X |
| Randy Kinnamon | Board Member 2022-2025 Term | X  |  |
| Stephen Deal |  Board Member 2022-2025 Term  | X  |  |
| Sharon Benson | Incoming Board Member 2023-2026 Term |  | X |
| Barbara Wyatt | Incoming Board Member 2023-2026 Term |  | X |
| John Bailey | Incoming Board Member 2023-2026 Term |  | X |
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| Kathi Willis | Club Administrator |  | X |
| Robin Echtle | Club Administrator | X  |  |

**Meeting called to order at 4:09 PM.**

Maria welcomed board members.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The consent agenda, including board meeting minutes from January 23. 2023 and executive committee minutes from February 14, 2023, was approved and accepted by all.

**TREAURER’S REPORT:**

Robin presented the report. The Finance Committee will be consulted on the possible write-off of some receivables, mostly from short-term members. Dues are still under budget but meeting sponsors are tracking well. Prepaid meals are behind, but the plan is being reviewed and promoted. Expenses are similar to last year with the exception of employee expenses which are over budget as reported in prior months.

The carryover question about fundraising receivables will be followed up on after the board meeting.

Corey moved to accept the finance report as presented. Greg seconded. **All in favor, motion carried.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE WORK:**

The club is still working on resolving the lease after the building’s transfer of ownership. Maria will get an update from Harrison who has been working on it on the club’s behalf.

**Membership Report**

Two potential members were presented for consideration. Greg moved to approve Anna Marie Berry and Cassidy Inamasu as club members. Corey seconded. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Calvin Pearson has been proposed as a new member and is being vetted by the Classification Committee.

James Fry has made a request to transfer from the club to a club in Arizona where he is moving. He will visit Rotary 8 when he’s in town. Stephen moved to accept the resignation/transfer of James Fry. Greg seconded. **All in favor motion carried.**

Maria shared that longtime Tacoma 8 Rotarian, Cap Pearson, passed away.

Cap’s long-time membership inspired a discussion of recognizing and celebrating Rotary membership milestones.

**Policy and Procedures**

The policy for Honorary Membership was discussed. Further clarity is needed around the need and purpose for annual review, whether existing honorary members need to go through the new nominating process, and language in the policy around dues vs. payment of initiation fee. The policy will be held for a vote at the next board meeting.

Pre-paid lunches were discussed. Robin will draft an outline for the pre-paid lunch plan to include the number of lunches received, whether lunches are transferable if not used and other questions the staff are frequently asked. Benefits for purchasing pre-paid lunch plans will also be outlined to help promote the plan to members.

**DISCUSSION**

**Speaker/Reflection discussion**

The description of guidelines for the meeting reflection was reviewed and discussed. The board was asked to think about it and consider providing more guidance in light of a previous reflection with member feedback.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Grants Committee** – The first grant round was just awarded, and the second round is coming up.

**International Services –** Corey presented 3 grants for approval: $3,000 to support completion of a primary school (Esperanza) in La Paz, Mexico, $5,000 to support health care facility upgrades in Rumphi District, Malawi, and $5,000 to support equipment for a cardio center for children in Nepal. Stephen moved to approve the 3 grants with the committee’s budgeted funds. Greg seconded. **All in favor, motion carried.**

**Projects** – Doug shared that the monthly projects are continuing.. He presented a request to spend $2,500 of the committee's budget to fund the club’s 4th quarter in-meeting project in support of Raising Girls. Greg moved to approve $2,500 to support the in-meeting project. Corey seconded. **All in favor, motion carried.** Doug presented a summer project opportunity to continue supporting Camp Good Times along with the budget impact this fiscal year and next fiscal year. Since next fiscal year’s budget won’t be finalized until late spring, Doug will connect with the committee to let them know the requested funding may be there but will need to be prioritized in the committee’s budget. Doug motioned that the board accept and support the proposed Camp Good Times project and allow this fiscal year’s remaining committee budget to be allocated to and used next year. Stephen seconded. **All in favor, motion carried.**

**DEAI –** Two local consultants have been approached and are interested in doing some initial work and reviews. The committee is waiting to hear back from both. Rotary International also released a message about DEAI that Maria will forward to the club.

**Auction** – Whitney shared that there is an Auction committee meeting March 6 at 4pm. Sponsorships are at over $40,000 towards a goal of $100,000. Procurement is coming along. She expressed that the auction seems to be lacking club energy, including a compelling raise the paddle message. There is a need to raise awareness and get more participation. A board auction item was discussed. Diane and Greg will team up to explore the My Girl boat rental. Doug will send a Viking Cruise opportunity for non-profits to Whitney.

**Classification** – Tim shared that the committee reviewed the two members voted on today and an additional prospective member is in the pipeline.

**Communications** – Maria will be taking on communications after her presidency.

**Engagement/ Information/Orientation** – Greg and Brien will provide an orientation for the incoming members.

**Foundation/PGG** – Board giving is at 100% but the campaign goal hasn’t been met yet. However, the committee has backed away a bit to support the auction.

**Interact** – Corey shared that the Interact club’s sock/hat/glove drive was successful with 6 totes worth of items ultimately donated for Tacoma Rescue Mission. The club also made Valentines cards for seniors at Life Manor and are looking at volunteer opportunities and the EFN Hunger Walk on May 6th. The Life Christian Interact club meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at noon at Life Center and is looking for new student leaders for the upcoming school year.

**Literacy** – Brenda provided a written report. The committee is in the process of securing new locations for the little libraries. Di Trenh and Katie Arnold have joined the committee and volunteered to take over the upcoming quarterly little library stewardship route. The committee was also able to use the remaining Enid Harris Literacy funds and get a bulk discount to purchase 120 books for Reach out and Read. And the committee is exploring how Rotary 8 might support Imagination Library as a club.

**Major Projects** – The committee will be presenting their proposal to the club on March 16th.

**Military Affairs** – No report

**Programs** – Speakers are lined up through the end of June.

**Scholarship** – The committee is gearing up to start the selection process.

**Vocational Services** – Sponsorships opportunities are almost full.

**Welcome** – Emily reported that there will be a social for new members who have joined since January 2020 on March 7 at Old Town Wine Skins from 5p to 7p.

**Youth Exchange –** The club will have 2 students next year and will need host families.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Maria asked the board to consider Rotarians who should receive Presidential Citations.

Greg asked the board to save two dates: June 8th for a leadership assembly and August 5th for a visit by incoming president, Gordon McNally. Details on both activities will be forthcoming.

**Meeting adjourned 5:49 pm**

**Next Board meeting Date: Monday, March 27, 2023, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, Rotary Office**

**Recorded by:  Sherri Stanton, Secretary**