



**ROTARY CLUB OF TACOMA #8
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday February 22, 2021 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 Echtele	Treasurer 2019 -2021	X	
Libby Catalinich	Board Member 2018-2021 Term	X	
Jace Dwinell	Board Member 2018-2021 Term	X	
DeAnne Hamilton	Board Member 2020-21 partial 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	
Jackie Farrar	Board member 2020-2023 Term		X
Chris Serface	Board Member 2020-2023 Term	X	
Clay Zhang	Board Member 2020-2023 Term	X	
Guests			
Diane Tilstra			
Tim Daly			
Seth Kaplowitz		X	
Greg Rolsma		X	
Kathi Willis	Club Administrator	X	

Virtual meeting called to order at 4:02 PM. A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of 1/25/2021 board meeting; minutes and Executive Committee meeting 2/09/2021
Motion to approve by Libby Catalinich seconded by Kim Bedier. **Motion carried passed**

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

Memberships: Carol Duris reported 265 current members including Katy who will be introduced this week. Five “lukewarm” in the pipeline. Working on ways to be more interactive via Zoom.

District Matching Grants: Seth gave update on Community Covid 19 Support. Feb 3 was approved as a matching grant of \$3500 for total grant of \$7000. Recipients include Raising Girls, EFN and Tacoma Rescue Mission food.

PPP Loan: Executive committee gave Kathryn signing authority. Application for in-line loan equal to 2.5 times office salary. Believes will not have to be paid back.

District Conference: Board packet has schedule of March 13 classes via Zoom. Club has pledged at least 8 members will be attending. Please let Kathi Willis and Kathryn know if you sign up...sign up via original email all club members received, Gearshift, or Dist2020.org.

Fireside Notes: Kim gave update on events. Three’s:

- 1) Auction – strong requests for experiences, gift cards to help local businesses/restaurants due to C-19, home help would also be a good service item to purchase.
- 2) Activities – Some more comfortable than others to do some social engagement. Talk of on-line bingo, trivia, on-line classes
- 3) Local major project: Discussion of R8 spearheading a local project. Would need creative fundraising in addition to what we already do. A committee will be created to vet ideas. Talk of this being great for mission, membership etc. Gil will chat with Kim about getting this going.

COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

International Services Request: Kathryn reported on our R8 being the lead member club spearheading a clean water project for 8 villages in Thane India. **Gil motioned, Carol W. seconded, Motion approved, passes** Other clubs will be asked if they wish to participate with R8.

Projects: Diane gave updates. Blood drive was successfully held today; another one will be held. Tacoma Rescue Mission next lunch is tomorrow. Break Bag is Friday March 12. St. Vincent's sort is March 6. August 28 is the Courage Ride. Camp Goodtimes is 7/22/21 (\$3500 will be requested later)

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: Kim updated that the District Grant applied for was denied...governor agreed but finance committee didn't. Carol W. asked how everyone thought the weekly readings were being received...Christina has enjoyed, while hard truths, good reflections. Sherri has enjoyed and has picked up books she wouldn't have otherwise. DeAnne can't come to book club due to timing during work day, but enjoys learning of these books.

Programs: Kim updated that slots are almost full through Rotary year end. DEI planned to be featured once a month. March is clean water and sanitation month; April is maternal month...gave rundown on upcoming talks and how they fit in monthly themes.

Grants: Clay updated on budget of \$85K. Round 1 5 grants were awarded. Underway on Round 2 – 13 applications came in.

Auction: Cindy updated on sponsorships going well, procurement well underway with specific strong donors/solicitors all be personally asked to donate/reach out and ask. Committee items/baskets underway – experiences being leaned on as strong sellers. (Note: post meeting Cindy reached out to Board as “committee” with three ideas of what they could pull together as Board donation item....”All Aboard” destination events to Portland, Leavenworth or Olympic Peninsula were thoughts to get started).

Communications: Chris updated on the article in the 5020 district vehicle. Will also create a “post-auction” article about how the event went in the virtual pandemic. Also an article in the April Historic Tacoma Magazine.

Scholarships: Chris reported they are happening...next meeting is 3/4/21. Application has been updated to be fillable PDF which is great.

Fellowship: John gave update that 3 more little libraries will be happening soon. Kim asked if they would host a “game night” and Maria will talk to them about it.

Information & Orientation: Greg Rolsma and Maria are helping out. Currently caught up with parts A and B....need to bring in new members!

Interact: Jace is meeting Friday. Group doing fundraising efforts (bake sale for world vision to support a family; did sock/hat/glove drive last week). Elections are upcoming.

Literacy: Sherri updated they are planning small dedication ceremonies at the new little libraries previously mentioned. The Lincoln High School book drive is helping fill these.

Military Affairs: DeAnne said they are brainstorming on new ideas for next meeting event. Also working on Auction basket.

Vocation: Gil is taking training in upcoming District classes on this area.

Welcome Committee – Libby nothing to report

Youth Exchange: Carol updated that public health will decide when and if kids can come and go for exchanges. Decisions should be made by 4/2/21. Much depends on the 20 countries T8 exchanges with and where they are at in vaccines.

Other: Kathryn updated that the PGG drive has met and exceeded goal with having raised \$91K! (Thanks Kirsten and Rusty!)

Meeting adjourned 5:03 pm

Next Board meeting: Date March 22, 2021, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, Zoom

Recorded by: Cindy Grady, Secretary