



**ROTARY CLUB OF TACOMA #8
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday January 27, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.
President Elect Kathryn Nelson, Presiding**

Board Member	Office	Present	Excused
Carol Duris	President 2019-2020		X
Linda Kaye Briggs	Immediate Past President	X	
Kathryn Nelson	President Elect 2020-2021	X	
Kim Bedier	Vice-President	X	
Cindy Niemi	Secretary 2018-2020	X	
Robin Echtle	Treasurer 2019 -2021	X	
Jan Brazzell	Board Member 2017-2020 Term		X
Bryan Flint	Board Member 2017-2020 Term	X	
Jim Henderson	Board Member 2017-2020 Term	X	
Harrison Laird	Board Member 2017-2020 Term	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	
	Other Attendees		
Clay Zhang	Incoming Board Member	X	
Jacki Farrar	Incoming Board Member	X	
Chris Serface	Incoming Board Member	X	
Maria Harlow	Vice President Elect	X	
Kathi Willis	Club Administrator	X	

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM. at the new Rotary Office at the Armory. A quorum was present.

Meeting began with Kathryn welcoming newly nominated Board members visiting today.

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 December 16, 2019 Board of Directors meeting
- Minutes of the January 14, 2019 Executive committee

Gil motioned, Carol seconded, to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Motion Carried.**

QUARTERLY TREASURER’S REPORT

Robin reported that our finances are doing well all across the board. No extraordinary operating income or expense notes. Income for dues is currently over budget due to increase in membership. Expenses are keeping pace and staying on target. Fundraising income is better than expected, especially Project Greater Good (over budget) and there’s been an increase in Fines income. A/R Aging Notes are on track for Fundraising and Operations.

Carol motioned, Libby seconded to accept the quarterly treasurer’s report. **Motion Carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK.

Membership Report. 265 members. Harrison reported there’s a new member pending Board approval, Kristin Ang, Port Commissioner. Dorothy Lewis is transferring back to Tacoma #8. Emily Happy is resigning due to not enough time for Rotary. John Schneider’s classification needs to be changed to Financial Services as opposed to Finance/Banking. Four prospective members are in the pipeline waiting for approval from the classification committee.

Harrison motioned, Bryan seconded to approve membership of Kristin Ang, ratify the transfer of Dorothy Lewis, accept the resignation of Emily Happy, and change the classification for John Schneider as presented. **Motion Carried.**

110 Year Anniversary. Kim shared it's all coming together. Approximately 250 are registered. She reviewed the program and logistics. A few highlights will be the Rotary Barbershop Quartet, Invocation by Christina Turner, menu from 1910, etched high ball glasses as gifts, and the celebration of Jim Harris as the Lifetime Achievement recipient.

Annual Awards:

Lifetime Achievement – Kathryn Nelson shared that Jim Harris is the awardee for 2020. She also reminded us that this committee is lead by a Past President so we need to think of who might lead this process in the future.

Rotarian of the Year – Linda Kaye shared there are 3 nominations and the recipient will be revealed at the Feb. 27th meeting. There will be a dinner that evening to celebrate the awardee which is organized by the previous year's recipient, current awardee Cindy Grady from 2019.

Policies/Procedures – Robin reported the Finance Committee is working on the Reserve Policy. They have determined there should be a rainy-day fund and they are in the process of drafting a policy for this.

Review of progress towards targets.

Strategic Plan/Goals – Areas to highlight within each category are:

- Grow and Diversify Membership: goal is 40 new members and we currently have 8. Discussion was held on ideas to improve this number.
- Improve Member Retention: goal is 100% retention of newer members. Loss of 2 to date.
- Increase Collaboration and Connection with Rotary Clubs: Goal is 5 collaborative projects. We are on track here with Projects committee working on a new one called Save the Orcas. Details forthcoming. **Projects committee is also reviewing the opportunity for the Daffodil Dash** – a potential Pierce County Rotary club's event to include a 5K fun run in advance of the Daffodil parade. Rotarians would volunteer and proceeds from registration and t-shirt sales (less expenses) would go to specific clubs who are helping to alleviate food deserts in the county. Still looking for Tacoma, Sumner or Eatonville/Orting Rotary sponsors for \$1,000 each. If we sponsor, we get to choose which non profit agency would receive the funds and provide tables and sound system. If we don't sponsor, we can still volunteer or run
- Better Promote and Publicize Rotary: Goal is increase number of visitors by 10% at Rotary meetings. Last year 213 visitors and this year 252.

Rotary Citation – Kathryn shared the goals our club has chosen towards obtaining The Rotary Citation. Currently we have achieved most goals except Club Membership Committee and use of official Rotary promotional materials. Gil commented that our club will be featured in the Historic Tacoma magazine which might count towards the goal of promoting Rotary.

COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Requests from World Community Services (WCS) – Request to partner with Tacoma North on a service building for a demonstration farm in Eastern Uganda. They need a building to store the maize to preserve it for market. Request is for \$3,200 (not matched). Approval of funding will help to finish the multi-year project for this village.

Carol Webster motioned, Harrison seconded to approve funding for the E. Uganda demonstration farm project. **Motion Carried.**

Request #2 is to add to the efforts of 9 Rotary clubs (hosted by Olympia Rotary Club, main collaborator) to build a system to treat the main water source for 50 villages (4,000+ people) in Mexico. WCS recommends

giving \$5K towards their goal of raising \$52K for this project. The goal is to work with the local municipality a build a true water system that will be maintained locally.

Bryan motioned, John seconded for our club to donate \$5,000 towards this project. Discussion held to gain more insight. Kim asked Kathryn for the structure of all Rotary clubs involved. Board decided they want to see more information to get a bigger picture of how this project will be completed and maintained. Bryan withdrew the motion.

Requests from Grants Committee – Clay presented 3 grants to support local nonprofits. In addition to \$5K grants, we also have one \$25K opportunity which was made possible with extra proceeds given to the grants committee from the Rotary auction.. The grants committee recommended the following recipients for \$5K awards: Neighborhood Clinic, Children’s Therapy Center, Nutritional Food Program for Boys and Girls Clubs of S. Puget Sound.

Carol motioned, Linda Kaye seconded to approve the grants as presented. **Motion Carried.**

Recommended award for \$25K (focus is on low-income, at-risk children on East and/or South side of Tacoma and have matching funds available): Boys and Girls Club LIFT program. Over 80% of the kids receive reduced or free meals and over half live in single-parent households. The kids in the LIFT program have a 92% graduation rate. The Woodworth Foundation is their matching source.

Linda Kaye motioned, Carol seconded to accept this award as presented. **Motion Carried.**

Other liaison reports

Foundations - Jim Henderson: PGG exceeded expectations. Total raised to date is over \$88K (goal is \$75 and last year \$55K raised) with a 56% participation rate (goal is 75%). The committee is doing great outreach and has strong members.

Grants – report mentioned above.

Literacy - Carol shared there is nothing to report at this time.

Projects – Diane shared there are over 12 projects coming up including Paint Tacoma Beautiful.

RYE – Cindy and Carol reported we need a 3rd host family for Gabe March 1 or March 15th. They will begin reviewing the strategic plan/goals in February.

Communications – Chris Serface shared he submitted an article to District 5020 Newsletter regarding Jim Harris’ Lifetime Achievement award.

Engagement – Maria and Jacki reported that in February they are kicking off a Love Your Rotary challenge. This committee will be making calls to Rotarians to encourage them to get even more involved. There will be a point system that will be tracked for participation in firesides, bring a guest, etc. They are also calling Pandakas on their first anniversary and seeing how they are doing with Rotary.

Membership – Harrison reported that Jennifer Weddermann is leading this committee and we need members. Kathryn shared that classification committee has a robust group and some may want to serve on the Membership committee.

Youth Protection Training Plan – Kathryn reminded us to take the training. Several of the board members have taken it to date. Maria and Cindy shared how enlightening it is and how glad they were to take it beyond the fact it was required.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Kathryn thanked us again for taking the RYE youth protection training. Our jobs now as Avenue Chairs is to get our committee members to do this.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Next Board meeting: Date February 24, 4:00 pm, Rotary Office 1001 S Yakima, Ste 9A.