Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM. A quorum was present.

A. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Note: The Consent Agenda will be approved in one motion, with discussion only on those items where there are questions or changes. Otherwise, we will vote to accept the material as noted.

- Minutes of the December 17, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting
- Executive Committee Minutes, January 8, 2019

Carol Webster moved, Carol Duris seconded, to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Treasurer Jeremy Fogelquist was absent. Kathi was available to ask questions but none asked.

Mark moved to accept, Greg seconded. **Motion carried.**

**CLUB AND BOARD INFORMATION**

**Bylaws Task Group.** Mark Anderson reported on the latest activities of this group and said he would like to bring to the board in February. Executive Committee is also helping to review.

**Strategic Plan.** Preliminary goals were emailed to the club by Mark with only 4 comments received. Mark would like more responses from club members as he doesn’t want to create goals in a vacuum. Suggestions from the board were too a) take to committees for feedback, b) take time at board meeting for feedback, c) take time during a Rotary meeting to gain member feedback. Decision was made to extend March board meeting to 90 minutes to review the strategic plan. Jan to facilitate the discussion and Board to read the strategic plan before this meeting. In the meantime, a table talk will be hosted at a regular meeting in February (Feb. 28) for member feedback.
Office Move. Linda Kaye read update on the move written by Kirsten Willis. No takers for the piano and refrigerator so we will leave at the Landmark. We should have access to the new office space at the Armory by Feb. 15. Stacey, Carol Duris, Jim Henderson helping a great deal – thank you. Rick Olson installing computer system in new office in exchange for speakers.

Thursdays at 5. Attendance has averaged 50 to 60 people. Carol wants to continue in her year and will ask the vocational committee to manage these meetings. Only negative comment is that these meetings reduce the time committees can meet (before or after meetings). Thursdays at 5 meetings are lined up into next Rotary year.

District Conference Linda Kaye made a plea for board members to attend. District Governor dropping by this week to discuss at our regular meeting. There’s $100 incentive to go to the conference from our club.

AVENUE CHAIR REPORTS

Club Service. Pillar Chair Jan Brazzell reported on the membership reports. The Executive Committee has approved Tim Smith, Custom Impressions, sponsored by Stacey Ogle. Motion to ratify Tim Smith as a member. Additional applications Jackie Flowers, Director-CEO TPU, and Shane Maul, VP Fortune Insurance. Jan made motion to accept, Carol Webster second. Approved. Two letters of resignation received: Margaret McCormick. Jan recommended we accept her resignation. Other resignation Tamara Williams who moved to Spokane. Jan motioned to accept resignations, Carol Wester second. All approved. Susan Barbeau requested leave of absence until June 30 due to work requiring her to be at the state capital. Jan motioned, Mark Anderson second. Approved. Motions carried.

Goal for membership: 25 new members for Linda Kaye’s year and 45 proposals before the auction.

Community Service. Pillar Chair Bryan Flint was absent. Carol Webster shared 5 grant requests: St. Leo’s backpack program, Neighborhood Clinic, Palmer’s Scholars, Boys and Girls Program Nutritional food program, Peace Community Center, and Hilltop Scholars. This is the second grant funding cycle. Daryl Hembry made motion to approve $5,000 for each project, Greg Rolsma second. Motion carried.

International Service. Pillar Chair Stacey Ogle shared two grant requests: 1) Copperbelt Province Malaria Elimination Project – Rotarian Malaria partners go into a community where malaria is present and work on eradicating it as well as treating the families. This has reduced malaria cases 83% to 99%. Funds are used to train indigenous people to do this as they live there and can monitor progress. 2) Demonstration farm in Uganda – need equipment and curriculum to teach high-yield farming and provide heartier seeds. Effects 25 to 50 families. Our funds will be added to Tacoma North’s funds. Motion made to approve both projects by Jan Brazzell. Greg Rolsma second. Motion carried.

Fundraising. Pillar Chair Libby Catalinich shared that Project Greater Good (PPG) has raised over $62,713, of which $6,460 has been designated for Polio Plus. The auction committee is hard at work especially in audience development and auction procurement. Board was asked to fill tables and to attend. Firesides generated lots of feedback for the auction. Stephen Deal is creating the Fund A Need video.

New Generations. Pillar Chair Jace Dwinell shared that regarding Rotaract at UWT Mike Wark has taken our ideas and is implementing them. There will be a few meetings scheduled this spring through Student Affairs to talk about Rotaract to include an accounting group, military veterans, and Milgard school of business.

Interact at Life Christian is going strong. Repack coming up in February and hoping to include some of our members as well. We have 2 1/2 boxes of the 6 checked for the Presidential Citation.

Scholarship Committee has an issue from last year that they want to present to the board for discussion – giving scholarships to schools that have exempted themselves from participating in Title 9. Debate is we don’t want to punish the students if they have chosen a school that excludes Title 9. Carol shared she doesn’t think we would want to support anyone attending a school that discriminates. Jace suggested we could communicate our preference to school counselors so they can select appropriate students. Mark shared that opting out of Title 9 by a school doesn’t mean they discriminate, could just be they don’t want to abide by the rules of Title 9. Jace said the committee will continue to discuss.

Vocational Services. Pillar Chair Jeff Albers was absent. Nothing new to share in Vocational Services.
PRESIDENTIAL CITATION – ASSIGNMENTS

LKB reported on the status for the first quarter:

**Strengthen Club** (Jan Brazzell): we have achieved a net gain of 20 members to date, and a membership drive is in play. We want to be cautious because there’s a tendency for a mass exodus at year end. Membership retention is good and on track. We have a net gain of 13 with female members and we have 99% of birthdays recorded in Club runner.

**Enhance Public Image** (Libby, Jace, Linda Kaye): Rotary showcase is in place with one item posted so far – our Habitat project. Libby needs to know our Rotary partners in this project as well as # of volunteer hours and dollars raised. Mark Anderson shared our partners are South Hill and Sunrise Rotaries. Kathi to send Libby remaining info. Future stories: Toys for kids, EFN, Courage, the auction. Jace requested Interact kids/projects to be featured as well.

**Increase Humanitarian Service** (Jace, Bryan, Jim Henderson): We currently sponsor an Interact Club, still working on Rotaract. We have 325 incidents of members/volunteers involved in service projects. We had a speaker from the Gates Foundation talk about polio eradication and we have requested support for this project through both PGG and fines levied at the October 15, 2018 meeting.

**BONUS READING – FIRESIDE NOTES**

Notes from the firesides with auction feedback were made available for us to read. They have been passed to the auction committee as well.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Linda Kaye asked that we all bring people to the auction and nominate people for the Community Service award.

Carol will fill in at the February Board meeting for Linda Kaye as President.

Harrison shared he misses True Confessions

Request for a Board auction basket was agreed upon where each board member would donate $50 and it will be created.

Meeting adjoined at 5:38 pm.

**Next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 25, 4:00-5:30pm, TBD (Landmark or the Armory)**