



**ROTARY CLUB OF TACOMA #8
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday January 25, 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 Echtle	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		X	
Tim Daly		X	
Seth Kaplowitz		X	
Kathi Willis	Club Administrator	X	

Virtual meeting called to order at 4:05 PM. A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of 12/14/2020 board meeting; minutes and Executive Committee meeting 1/12/2021
Motion to approve by Carol Webster seconded by Maria Harlow. **Motion carried passed**

TREASURE’S REPORT:

Robin reported total income doing well. Dues (257 active, 4 honorary) mostly paid (see financials in packet). Lack of in-person income but expenses also lower due to covid. Fundraising low. Gil asked about pre-paid lunches; Kathi explained Rotarians are being spoken to individually.

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

Memberships: Carol reported Jamie Brooks has been reinstated. Eleni Willis will be added this week, 2 more in the pipeline. Total members 263. Maria Harlow continues to work on T’wina Nobles and others.

Citation Goals (adjustable): Membership current goal of 270 (currently at 259, need 7 more to reach this goal by June 30). Discussion of overall fees (\$450 annual membership dues pro-rated depending on introduction date; \$300 is the new member fee (used to be called initiation fee))...how much are operating fees (staff, expenses etc.)
Decision to roll discussion over to Exec Committee to discuss ideas (perks, scholarship, “young executive” etc.)
Question about 2020 membership – added 15 new, lost 25. Carol W. suggested we lower goal to 265, all agreed and changed.

R8 receives citation for achieving 13/17 goals. On strong path to do so: working on new member; service, on track for annual fund and social; discussed ways to be sure staying on track.

Strategic Focus reviewed: 2a, 3a, 4b and 4c completed we continue to make progress

COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

International Services Request:

Seth explained current international grant request for Shelter Box to support COVID-19 Humanitarian Response with focus on people driven from their homes by conflict. Request for \$2K. Carol W. moved, Cindy G seconded, **Motion Approved. It was suggested that if International Services ends up with any money we should consider a \$5,000 donation**

Projects:

Diane gave updates on 2 projects:

- 1) YWCA "Adopt a Room" \$2.1K request to "furnish" large unit of new YWCA low income housing. Volunteers procuring the items needed. Exec. Committee has approved, asking for board ratification. Asked about some kind of signing acknowledging Rotary gift...Miriam working on. Gil moved, John seconded, **Motion Approved.**
- 2) Raising Girls: Funding for 400 "care bags" with hygiene products. Proposal for later in the year; funded last year at \$2,500. Currently have Raising Girls in the \$7K of matching for \$3k (us \$1.5, match \$1.5). This will cover the second qtr. ask of \$3k. John moved, Libby seconded, **Motion Approved.** Carol suggested we look at asking for a Grant and then projects fill the bags. Gil working with the Welcoming committee to get them involved. Kathryn also brought up idea of including notes of inspiration Rotarians could write up.

Auction

Cindy update on Sat May 1, 2021 Night at the Theatre: Auction will be virtual. Raffle ticket prize will be \$1,000. Still working on rules of selling (cannot sell online). Committees are starting work on "theme" basket items. Sponsorships continue to grow.....Puyallup Tribe newly in at \$5,000. Historic Tacoma in at \$1,000. Procurement emails have gone to entire club with initial "ask" (donation, sponsorship, involvement etc.) Auction will have Live, silent and "non-catalog" (group experiences etc.)

Grants:

\$15K "large" one time grant proposal being worked on. Grant due March 1, goal is to get it funded quickly so the monies can be used for urgent needs during covid times.

Literacy: Sherri

Sherri updated on the Lincoln High School presentation made at recent meeting. Committee wants to use \$2.5K in a few area; toward project to fund buying books for Project Lit Abes (this also counts towards district literacy goal), registering 6 new little libraries etc. as well as buying books for our current Little Libraries Carol W. motioned and Cindy seconded. **Motion Approved.**

Welcome Committee – Libby

Well underway on "revamping" former Pandaka formats...ambassadors, auction projects etc. all underway

Interact

Jace working on RYLA – 2 students. Currently working with Life Christian on cards for senior centers and foods. Carol proposed outbound R8 students (hoping to leave in August) could potentially qualify for RYLA?

Announcements:

Kathryn gave strong words of thanks at how well everything is going this year, even with covid issues.

Meeting adjourned 5:15 pm

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

Recorded by: Cindy Grady, Secretary