



ROTARY CLUB OF TACOMA #8
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday March 28, 2022, at 4:00 P.M.
President Maria Harlow, Presiding

Board Member	Office	Present	Excused
Maria Harlow	President	X	
Kathryn Nelson	Immediate Past President	X	
Chris Serface	Vice President - elect	X	
Greg Rolsma	Vice-President	X	
Cindy Grady	Secretary 2019-2021		X
DeAnne Hamilton	Treasurer 2021-2023		X
Seth Kaplowitz	Board Member 2021-2024 Term		X
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
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	
Jeremy Simler	Board Member 2020-2023 Term		X
Clay Zhang	Board Member 2020-2023 Term		X
Troy Christensen	Board member unfilled term 2021-2023	X	
	Guests		
Miriam Barnett	Incoming Board Member 2022-2025 Term	X	
Whitney Grisaffi	Incoming Board Member 2022-2025 Term	X	
Corey Hjalseth	Incoming Board Member 2022-2025 Term		X
Linda Vaught Disney	Club Administrator	X	

Meeting called to order at 4:01 PM. A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA: Gil moved and Kathryn seconded to approve the minutes of February 28, 2022, board meeting and Executive Committee minutes from March 8, 2022. **All in favor, motion carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Maria reported for DeAnne that our finances were fine. Any questions could be directed to DeAnne.

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

Administration: Maria shared that Linda is working on documenting the existence and location of all the club's bank accounts. Linda shared that after the auction she will be assessing the club's financial documents, processes and needs. Same with IT. Maria reported that a team of members would be assembled to assist in this effort.

Discussion among board members about Clubrunner and DAC DB. Maria shared that both services were being looked into. The District is currently using DAC DB and Maria encouraged board members to login and check it out. (All Rotary 8 members have access to DAC DB since our club is part of the District.)

Membership Report: Greg reported that the club has 259 active members. Kathryn moved that we approve all members in the pipeline including Laura Badeaux, Dana Coggon, Sue Dahlin, and L. Denice Randle. Gil

seconded, **all in favor, motion carried.** All four members are being introduced at the March 31st meeting. Kathryn and Maria both announced they are working on proposals for additional new members.

Policies and Procedures: Maria presented a recommendation to the Fundraising and Appeals from Members policy to ensure funds are going into correct accounts for tax purposes and budget planning. Kathryn moved that money raised from “paid announcements” and “meeting sponsors” be directed to the operations account. Gil seconded, **all in favor, motion passed.**

There was further discussion about the Fundraising policy and some recommendations for further clarification including: An exception form be created to provide a way for members to suggest something in response to an emergent community need, The Holiday Giving Tree be specified as an annually reviewed activity, clarity around Projects Committee as the starting place for all fundraising asks, and general language updates to make the policy more nimble and clear.

Discussion of other club activities. It was decided that the Apple Cup activity would not be announced in a meeting and be coordinated through a table outside instead. Confirmed that GalleySide and Fireside were funded through a registration process and fee. The club will look into District Goals that may require some form of fundraising, including the annual District Governors Literacy Goal that has encouraged each club member to donate 2 new children’s books each year. Maria also shared that the Executive Committee re-affirmed a commitment that Rotary 8 would not fundraise for any other organization. Next steps: Linda will draft an updated Fundraising policy.

Maria shared that Seth has had to step away from Rotary for the time being and that Greg and Projects Committee would look at the Tacoma Rescue Sandwich activity.

Maria reminded all members to include Linda and herself in all committee correspondences.

COVID-19 practice: Masks continue to be optional for vaccinated members attending in person.

COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND LIAISON REPORTS (as needed):

Grants: No report

International Services: Kathryn requested a \$5,000 grant to support Malaria elimination efforts in Uganda. Gil moved that the grant be approved. Tim seconded, **all in favor, motion carried.**

Projects: John shared that 1500 break bags were prepared at the March 26 volunteer effort held at EFN. District Governor Lorna attended. Gil and Greg shared information about 2 Earth Day projects that Rotarians can volunteer for in response to local need and the International President’s call for a Day of Service. Chris Serface is also working on an additional potential project with Communities for a Healthy Bay. There will also be an in-meeting service opportunity in partnership with St. Vinnies to assemble bags for homeless people. Date TBD.

DEAI: Maria reported that the DEAI committee is working with the Scholarship Committee to review process and outreach policies. If they have recommendations, they will bring them to the board.

Auction: Miriam reported that we have more auction items this year and the combined value is higher than last year. Sponsorship revenue is slightly up as well. Final push is to get people to buy tickets to the auction, attend the auction and purchase raffle tickets. Special thanks were expressed to Cindy and Kathi for their support.

Classification: Gil shared that the committee is engaged and moving forward with the regular work.

Engagement: Greg reported that there are 3 orientations scheduled for this week and assigned tables will be coming to a meeting soon. Welcome Committee members have also been invited to attend orientations.

Fellowship: Christina reported that socials have started up and are planned out through the end of April. The most recent brunch event had a good turnout.

Finance and Foundations/PGG: Maria shared that finances are on track and there was nothing new to report.

Interact: Maria shared that RYLA was scheduled during finals week for students, so they were not able to participate.

Literacy: Sherri reported that 4 little libraries were painted by Rotary volunteers on Saturday. 2 have homes and the committee is looking for homes for 2 more.

Major Project: Maria reported that Jackie Flowers and Shon Silvia are narrowing options and using the JMAC report findings to guide their work. The club will be asked to rank the ideas and projects that develop from their research.

Military: Tim reported that there were no current updates to share with the board

Programs: Gil reported that speakers are booked through June 30th. The committee is looking for a co-chair.

Scholarships: Linda reported that scholarship applications are coming in and that the window is closing soon on submissions.

Vocational Service: A business expo has been scheduled for May. The next committee meeting via Zoom is April 11. Linda expressed an interest in joining.

Welcome: Emily shared that they are working with different committees and exploring collaboration with Fellowship.

Youth Exchange: Maria reported that Rotary 8 will be taking 2 inbound students. The club needs families and counselors for the students.

NEW BUSINESS

Funding for Ukraine: Discussion of approaching the Foundation to ask for a donation of \$15,000 to support Rotary's Ukraine Relief Fund. Gil motioned to approach the Foundation with the ask and Greg seconded, **all in favor, motion carried.**

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Club Culture: Discussion of club culture and how to address remarks that are offensive. Also a discussion of recording and editing meeting content.

Some suggestions for addressing offensive remarks were: establishing and articulating respectful meeting protocol at the beginning of each meeting to set the tone and culture and asking a contemporary to talk to the person in private after the remark and educate him/her on why the remark was offensive. Additionally Rotary offers harassment training courses and board members could be encouraged to take this training. On the issue of recording and censorship, there was a suggestion that communications guidelines should be developed and drafted by the PR Committee to document recording and censorship policies. Additionally, a suggestion was made to ensure that our YouTube channel is a private channel.

Time ran out and no action items were identified for follow up.

Meeting adjourned 6:03 pm

Next Board meeting: Date Monday, April 25th, 2022, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, Rotary Office

Recorded by: Sherri Stanton, Board Member