



ROTARY CLUB OF TACOMA #8
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday March 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
Chris Serface	Board Member 2020-2023 Term	X	
Clay Zhang	Board Member 2020-2023 Term	X	
Guests			
Diane Tilstra	Incoming Board Member		X
Tim Daly	Incoming Board Member	X	
Seth Kaplowitz	Incoming Board Member	X	
Emily Mendez-Bryant	Incoming Board Member		X
Greg Rolsma	Incoming VP	X	
Kathi Willis	Club Administrator	X	

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of 2/22/2021 board meeting and minutes of Executive Committee meeting 3/09/2021.

Motion to approve by Carol Webster seconded by Cindy Grady. Motion carried passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

District Conference: Kathryn reported that at least 15 attended various sessions of the conference. It allowed Tacoma 8 to meet the goal of at least 8 attending.

Review of Policies and Procedures: Move made to implement policies and procedures from by-laws with one exception: Honorary and elected section, found better guidelines written back in 2008, adopted in 2010...want to re-affirm those back in. **Carol Webster moved, Libby Catalinich seconded, all in favor. Motion approved.**

Discussion of attendance requirements ...currently Exec committee and Board member have requirements. Options other than meetings (evening socials etc.) do count towards attendance. It is still important to take attendance to have the data. Discussion of attendance vs engagement (engage by attending). Christina still thought attendance was required so might be good to have club education via the communications committee, or possibly have a Rotary meeting where program focuses on a refresher of requirements as a member.

Discussion of Rotary Pillars and the by-laws of how they existed in the past. They can be changed in the future as needed.

Vote was taken on readopting the former by-laws and procedures as discussed...**all voted in favor, motion passed.**

Board Member Replacement: Discussion delayed until next meeting.

COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

(Note: If committee not listed no report given this meeting)

Projects: Busy times! Lister Elementary March 25 new Little Library being dedicated...contact Brenda Gaspar for details. Tacoma Rescue Mission sandwiches on every other Tuesdays continues. St. Vincent's sort perhaps monthly Saturday's from 10 -2pm. EFN repack set for April 8. April 19th is another blood drive. April 21 swag bags will be ready to be stuffed, will do in 2 shifts. Raising Girls will have upcoming project in April or May.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: Kim talked about adding "A" (DEAI), A standing for accessibility.

Programs: Doing well...one more speaker to plug into slot to finish this Rotary year (ask out to UW). A survey being done about programs in general to get feedback for next year.

Grants: Clay had 2 updates: 1) Large grant had 18 applicants; was narrowed to 9, and 3 finalists (EFN, Nourish and Neighborhood Clinic) are set for final interviews on April 7.

2) Regular round of grants (final round this year) has 13 non-profits. Meeting is April 15.

Auction: Things coming along. Have over \$90,000 in sponsorships; \$40,000 in catalog and non-catalog items. 70 raffle tickets sold with some books still out. There are 11 non-catalog items with some fresh new ideas including a bagel making class, a game night and more. 13 out of Rotary 21 committees so far have confirmed they will do a "basket", or item on behalf of the committees...some very strong ones including Hawaii, Seaside OR, Lake Tahoe, Snoqualmie and more!

Communications: Chris working on learning the hybrid meeting tech list.

Engagement: Greg Rolsma is helping with the anniversary calls. Trivia night planning going well...over 30 have signed up!

Fellowship: Hard to get together. Nothing to report.

Information & Orientation: Maria reported still needing more to do, need new members...she's always willing to help. Can recruit on Zoom!

Interact: Jace reported students are doing well. Bake sale did well...raised \$250 which will be split between World Vision and micro-loans for small business. Will be doing a car wash in April to continue to raise money.

Military Affairs: DeAnne reported working on auction item!

Scholarships: Chris reported interviews will be held 4/2/21, scoring complete by 4/8 and delivered to the board 4/26/21 with recommendation.

Welcome Committee – Libby reported working on auction basket. Also doing a repack with new members coming.

Youth Exchange: Carol gave update that district program has been cancelled for the upcoming year due to covid. Students must be under 18 when they leave on program so the two current girls will still qualify when it reopens. Seth also reported everything is "on hold" until health crisis passes.

Meeting adjourned 4:55 pm

Next Board meeting: Date April 26, 2021, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, Zoom.

Recorded by: Cindy Grady, Secretary