



ROTARY CLUB OF TACOMA #8
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday October 25, 2021, at 4:00 P.M.
President Maria Harlow, Presiding

Board Member	Office	Present	Excused
Maria Harlow	President	X	
Kathryn Nelson	Immediate Past President	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 2021-2014 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
Chris Serface	Board Member 2020-2023 Term	X	
Clay Zhang	Board Member 2020-2023 Term	X	
	Guests		
Kathi Willis	Club Administrator	X	

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of September 27, 2021, Board meeting and October 13, 2021, Exec meeting had no changes. **Tim moved and Greg seconded approval of both. All approved, consent agenda passed.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

DeAnne gave Foundation report that portfolio is down first quarter, but the strategy taken is fairly conservative so hope to regain loss. Fundraising OP doing well. Expenses are within budget; follow up being done on some outstanding delinquent dues. The Finance committee annual review has been done and recommendations are to follow.

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

Membership Report: Club total is at 257...251 members and 6 honorary.

Greg presented 4 new proposals: Joshua Hunter, Justin VanLandschoot, Matthew Tolentino, and Tatiana Linardopoulou (corporate with M Tolentino) **Cindy moved and John seconded approval of all. All approved.** When all the proposed members in the pipeline are introduced we will be at 263 total...citation goal is at 260 so should be reviewed.

Club Admin search: Maria was working on getting job description attributes completed. She learned a lot at the meeting with other large clubs.

District Governor Visit: Lorna Curtis, District Governor, will be visiting our club this week. Linda Kaye will introduce. Meeting will have major project update as well as celebration awards and citations.

Action Plan/Strategic Plan and Citation Status: Cindy will be sending committee chairs a request for realistic updates to their goals.

COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND LIAISON REPORTS (as needed):

International Services: Seth spoke about grant request for La Paz children for uniforms and cell phones. for \$5000 which is in their budget. **Kathryn made a motion to approve, Cindy seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.**

DEAI: Report given on looking at how the Grant committee does their work through these lenses. They were recommended to move forward as they are inclusive of DEAI. Seth brought up overall fact that white people serving those of color cannot just be about talk....it needs to be action oriented. Need to be sure looking at things in context.

Auction: Cindy gave update that there will be a "theme" fun announcement at this week's meeting. Also always looking for active committee members for the club's largest fundraiser of the year, which is April 9, 2022, at Tacoma Little Theatre.

Communications/PR: Kirsten Willis is joining this committee to help with media outpouring.

Engagement: Greg reported committee goal is to add new members. Also working on having one meeting a quarter to include table seating assignments.

Fellowship: One of the ideas that came up at Fireside was to have more socials. Miriam is coordinating a "night at the theatre" to see Wizard of Oz at Tacoma Little Theatre on 12/12/21. Ten seats are available, and Miriam will provide a lunch pre-function.

Finance and Foundations/PGG: Smart goals are completed. Foundation has 102 donors out of goal of 166, \$80K out of \$100K goal. They really want to be sure they get 100% of Board included. Gifts to Rotary International or polio, part of PGG can be done through Rotary Direct online.

Grants: First round meeting recently as hybrid of in-person and zoom. Five applications (received six but one did not qualify). Subject on DEAI brought up to be sure to reach out to non-profits run by people of color. Miriam and Carol are working on this.

Information & Orientation: Maria and Greg now working on this. They need more members on this committee. Currently have "A" meeting about what Rotary is, and a "B" meeting about who does what. Working on combining into one meeting. Also working with the Welcome and Engagement committees to be sure all inclusive.

Literacy: Sherri reported there are 4 Little Libraries in the pipeline; they are looking for locations. Plan to be built over the winter and installed in Spring 2022.

Major Project: Second meeting is planned for tomorrow, Oct. 26

Membership: Carol Duris and Jennifer Weddermann are leading this group. Working on researching companies in the Tacoma area who are not represented as having Rotarian member.

Military: Tim reminded that 11/4 program will be at Salvation Army honoring Vets. Actual Vet's Day 11/11 meeting will be a Thursday at 5 at Goodwill. Service project is being done via Red Cross.

Programs: If anyone has any connections or leads send to Diane Tilstra and/or Gil.

Projects: John reported that Armed Forces welcome home kits are being put packed after the Vet's Day meeting (being done in two phases 11/4 and 11/11) Need a truck to move the goods.... Chris volunteered the Tacoma Little Theatre box truck and will be in contact with John to work out details. Also, EFN repack coming up 11/6. St Vincent de Paul was done last week and had 6 Rotarians at it. Maria asked John to do more public image of the projects (photos and follow up) Either John or Gil will do.

Scholarships: Committee needs to get follow ups completed. Dollars have been awarded but not yet claimed...must be claimed by end of Dec. or will no longer be available.

Vocational Service: Kathryn reported they have refined smart goals and are working on fulfilling. Business Expo is now done under this category, as well as meeting sponsorships (Kathryn was not aware of this but it needs to be taken on). Maria is sending an email out about this.

Welcome: Emily reported that mentors are now referred to as “Ambassadors”. They have a roster but need volunteers. They are going back to welcome newer members from past 2 – 3 years due to all going on with covid.

Youth Exchange: Kathryn said there has been no meeting yet. Chair Ann did the training, so they are meeting when needing to interview outgoing students. Process finalizes around January.
Reminder that ALL Board members need to do the Youth Protection Test (good for 3 years once completed).

NEW BUSINESS:

Lifetime Achievement needs board member for committee and Chris Serface stepped up to fill this.

Birthday callers/ Meeting greeters form passed around to get volunteers.
Kathy Willis became a Rotary member on 10/25/9031 years ago today!

Meeting adjourned 5:10 pm

Next Board meeting: Date December 13, 2021, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, Rotary Office

Recorded by: Cindy Grady, Secretary