



ROTARY CLUB OF TACOMA #8
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday September 27, 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 2021-2023	X	
DeAnne Hamilton	Treasurer 2019 -2021	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		
Doug Hedger	Project Committee Co-Chair	x	
Kathi Willis	Club Administrator	X	

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of August 23, 2021, Board meeting and Sept. 14, 2021, Exec meeting had no changes. **Gil moved and Greg seconded approval of both. All approved, consent agenda passed.**

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

Membership Report: Greg motioned to ratify the action of the Executive Committee who approved 4 new members (David Pannen, Janeth Pannen, Donna Chancellor, Adam Cook) Gil seconded the motion, all approved, motion passed.

Greg also motioned to approve new members Michelle Taboada and Anna Jensen. Cindy seconded, all approved, motion passed.

Club Admin search: Maria reported that Melissa is revamping the position description and hoping having it ready to post in about a week.

COVID review: Maria asked for open discussion of how all are dealing with everything.... plans to keep the Zoom option available will go forward. Facebook will also continue.

District Governor Visit: Lorna Curtis, District Governor, will be visiting our club on Oct. 28, 2021. Linda Kaye will introduce. Meeting will have major project update as well as celebration awards and citations.

COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND LIASON REPORTS (as needed):

Projects: Gave update that Afghanistan project being discussed was being tabled as not currently needed. Military comfort project is now "welcome home" kits which will be constructed at the Nov. 4 Rotary meeting.

International Services: Seth reported about the NorthEast Botswana RACHAEL Plus Project giving children access to libraries. **Kathryn moved and Seth seconded motion to approve spending \$5,000 for this. Motion passed and approved.**

DEAI: Maria reaching out to Carol and the committee to get “why” answers to the proposed ideas for meetings, events, traditions, and communications.

Finance: DeAnne reviewed August financial report and noted that the internal review will be making recommendations. The PPP loan has been forgiven.

Communications/PR: Chris noted there is a meeting scheduled with Maria on Sept. 30. Gil asked Chris for an article for the magazine.

Engagement: Greg updated that Zach Entwistle is chairing and meeting with Greg. They need to build a committee. Liked the idea in the DEAI notes about doing quarterly table assignments at the weekly meetings.

Information & Orientation: Working with Welcome, Engagement committees to further this. Working on a script of welcome to come from the podium. Sending an email blast to current chairs to try to further what they collectively do.

Major Project: Maria updated that herself, Gil, and Jim Whitacre were meeting this week to define the scope and feel of the needs to move forward.

Membership: Greg reported they are talking about creating a list of companies in area where we have no Tacoma 8 members and possibly reach out to.

Military: Nov 4 meeting the speaker will be the Colonel from JBLM at the Salvation Army honoring Veteran’s Day.

Programs: Diane reported they are booked through March of 2022. Can’t currently do Zoom speakers due to sound issues at La Quinta. Committee is looking for speakers to come 3 months out. Updated list of openings is on Google Docs (read only) please send Diane or Gill a request if you want the link

Scholarships: Chris reported good news that school has started so it’s a good gateway for the committee.

Youth Exchange: Kathryn said Ann Voves is reaching out to counselors at schools and talking about program. Don’t want to use “Peach Jar” program due to costs. Speaking to the students we selected last year who are still age appropriate but haven’t gone.

PGG: DeAnne reported currently have 50% participation from 80 members...goal is 50% for the Club and 100% from the Club Board and Foundation board. We have 7 board members who have not given yet. Maria suggested that members use Rotary Direct for gifts to the Rotary International Foundation or Polio Plus those forms can be found on Rotary.org, the form to support PGG, which includes international can be found at www.rotary8.org

Grants: Clay updated next meeting is 10/21/21. They could give a potential of 13 awards of \$8,000 each this year in the two rounds. All applications will be done electronically this year rather than paper copies!

Other:

Gil suggested someone at each lunch table should pull out any sign-up sheets at the lunch tables, so members see them.

Doug said the “senior member” videos are being suggested...talking to Harris’s in the next 2 weeks. Connecting with communications on details, Gil helping coordinate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting adjourned 4:59 pm

Next Board meeting: Date October 25, 2021, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, Rotary Office

Recorded by: Cindy Grady, Secretary