



**ROTARY CLUB OF TACOMA #8**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday September 19, 2016 at 4:00 P.M.**  
**President Becky Fontaine, Presiding**

Board Member	Office	Present	Excused
Becky Fontaine	President 2016-2017	X	
Mark B. Anderson	President Elect 2017-2018	X	
Barry Benson	Immediate Past President	X	
Jim Henderson	Secretary 2016-2018	X	
Jeremy Fogelquist	Treasurer 05/16/2016 to 06/30/2017	X	
Peter Carlstrom	Board Member 2014-2017 Term		X
Jim Merritt	Board Member 2014-2017 Term	X	
Melanie Manista-Rushforth	Board Member 2014-2017 Term		X
Kirsten Willis	Board Member 2014-2017 Term	X	
Jeff Albers	Board Member 2015-2018 Term	X	
Tracy Peacock	Board Member 2015-2018 Term		X
Maria Harlow	Board Member 2015-2018 Term		X
Elliot Stockstad	Board Member 2015-2018 Term	X	
Marsha Burns	Board Member 2016-2019 Term	X	
Ali Criss	Board Member 2016-2019 Term		X
Stacey Ogle	Board Member 2016-2019 Term	X	
Greg Rolsma	Board Member 2016-2019 Term	X	
	<b>Other Attendees</b>		

**Staff** - Kathi Willis, Club Administrator

**Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM. A quorum was present.**

**A. CONSENT AGENDA:** It was moved by Jeff Albers to accept the Consent Agenda. Kirsten Willis seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

Note: The consent Agenda will be approved in one motion, with discussion only on those items where there are questions. Otherwise, we will vote to accept the material as noted.

- Minutes of the August 15, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting
- Executive Committee Minutes

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Jeremy Fogelquist then reviewed the Tacoma Rotary Foundation report as well as the Fundraising and Operating Accounts. He reported that Rotary International charges each Rotary member \$6 for the *Rotarian* each month and that additional amount was not factored into the total for this Rotary Year for dues payable to them. It will be factored in the future. There was nothing to report on the Fundraising budget. Jeremy said the Finance Committee will be discussing the lunch attendance at their next meeting. Board members were directed to the last page of the board packet to review the Meal Counts for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year. We are consistently missing about 20-22 lunches each week to meet the contract with the Landmark. Historical information is available for Meal Counts for previous Rotary Years. Our contract year with the Landmark runs from November 1 to October 31 and we have to hold 44 meetings during that contract year at the Landmark. There are five no-meeting weeks (like Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's or offsite meetings).

Kirsten Willis talked about how we get to 115 lunches each week, and that we do meet that total every several months. Kirsten and Jim Henderson volunteered to lead a small task force to look at attendance and engagement and that Elliott Stockstad could assist. Elliot suggested we do some follow up calls to members about weekly attendance and get member feedback. Mark Anderson asked how we get members to lunch and that when members are called they could be asked several standard questions to

obtain that feedback. Barry Benson reminded the board that in January 2015 there were several detailed surveys asking members for this type of input and that it was available for the current board to review.

Mark Anderson suggested we reach out to new members and mentors about why they attend meetings. Stacey Ogle asked if attendance is part of the financial problem. Other members said it was club engagement and how would a prepaid meal plan factor in. Jeremy said he will work with the Finance Committee on all of this, and bring the report back to the board at the October meeting.

### **MEMBERSHIP ITEMS**

Greg Rolsma then reported on the membership items: four new members recommended for approval; one resignation; three classification changes. Kirsten Willis moved to accept the Membership items and Greg Rolsma seconded it. **Motion carried.**

President Becky then moved that our Club Bookkeeper Joy Vivar-Beeks, be approved as an honorary member, to be reviewed on an annual basis and to be contingent upon her continued employment in that role. Greg Rolsma seconded. **Motion carried.**

### **MALARIA PROJECT**

Kathryn Nelson, World Community Services Chair reported on the Malaria Partners project and if we wanted to join with Seattle #4 and other Rotary Clubs and businesses to work for eradicating Malaria. Some clubs are hopeful that eradicating Malaria will be the next disease for Rotary International to take on. Kathryn asked if our club wanted to join in this effort as a partner and that members could donate money to Tacoma #8 and designate it for Malaria Partners. The speaker at our October 13 meeting will talk about the effort, and is former member Jeff Pritchard. He wants permission to ask members to donate \$20 at the meeting for this effort where 50% of the money would go to the Malaria Partners and 50% would go towards advocacy. Tacoma #8 would be listed on the portal for Malaria Partners as supporting the effort. Other clubs in our district are involved in it. There was a consensus of the board to support this effort.

### **PROJECT GREATER GOOD**

Kirsten Willis provided a brief update on Project Greater Good (PGG), and that as of this date there are 91 donors and over \$37K has been donated so far.

### **PRESIDENT'S ITEMS**

President Becky reported on the Raise the Paddle \$59K project and that all of the information in the auction video and in the auction program said the monies raised, would go toward 'Humanitarian Services' of Tacoma #8. She has asked the Grants Committee to come up with a process for allocating the monies and with a desire to raise the visibility of Tacoma #8. One of the first projects will be a challenge grant of \$10K to Tacoma South Rotary to help purchase a new van for the Boys & Girls Club. The big goal is to get the monies raised spent and perhaps set aside some money for a Presidential Year Project.

Fall Firesides are set for October 4 and a question to ask attendees is needed. Kirsten Willis asked when the weekly meeting ends.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm

**Next Board Meeting: Monday October 17 at 4:00 PM, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Doric Room**

**Note to Avenue Chairs: For the October Board of Directors' meeting, please submit your Avenue Chair Reports to Jim Henderson no later than Tuesday October 11th.**