



**ROTARY CLUB OF TACOMA #8
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday September 28, 2020 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 Echtle	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	X	
Clay Zang	Board member 2020-2023		X
Jackie Farrar	Board member 2020-2023		X
Chris Serface	Board Member 2020-2023	X	
Guests			
Elaine Chan	Auction 2021 Co-Chair	X	
Stephen Deal	Auction 2021 Co-Chair	X	
Kathi Willis	Club Administrator	X	

Virtual meeting (due to Governor Inslee’s order Stay Home. Stay Healthy. Re COVID-19 virus) called to order at 4:02 PM. A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of 8/24/2020 board meeting; minutes Executive Committee meeting 9/8/2020
Motion of approval by Chris Serface, seconded by John Schneider. **Motion carried and approved.**

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

Memberships:

Carol Duris update: 257 active members. 1 member transferring in from Federal Way Rotary.

Elections:

Kathryn reported ballots have been mailed. Had two things to discuss:

- 1) In future, brought up idea of including 2-3 survey questions we’d like to hear from members on. Asked board what questions they would find helpful. Asked for them to be emailed to herself or the office. The Executive Committee can then narrow down from what comes in.
- 2) Nominating committee needs to meet to select potential candidates for upcoming Vice-President, Treasurer and 4 new board members (Kathryn will work on the VP/Treasurer; Kim will work on Board members). Kathryn asked for ideas of prospective candidates, pass names along to her or to Kim Bedier.

COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI)

Kim presented potential “Land Acknowledgement” statement that recognizes we are meeting on Native lands that could be used at beginning of Rotary 8 meetings. Kim motioned that we accept the proposal, Robin seconded. **Motion passed.** It will be added to meetings, with a couple different methods tried to see what works best. Reconfirmation of DEI books being read as club....current “So You Want To Talk About Race” which will meet to discuss in the next week; next book is “Caste The Origins of our Discontents” which will be discussed later in October.

Auction Committee:

Elaine and Stephen did overall presentation of plan including handout recap of new format. There will be “Appreciation Receptions” held in March, probably at 5 homes, honoring and thanking past donors. Actual event will be Friday 4/30/21 with auction, “show”, and heavy appetizers. Family event held Sat. 5/1/21 to include kids,

grandkids. Most silent auction items will be offered online. Planning is underway so that we could pivot to a total virtual event if needed.

International Services Request:

Grant request servicing schools in Guatemala supporting them with RACHEL systems asking for \$2500 from multiple Rotaries, including Rotary 8. Committee asking for Board approval, seconded by Cindy. **Motion approved.**

Literacy Committee:

Committee is asking for \$500 for supplies to build free libraries. Motion asked by Sherri on behalf of committee, Gil seconded. **Motion approved.** Book requests will be coming in future (2 books per member) Lincoln HS adopted Salishan libraries. John will be doing installation of new libraries, and if given books up front, will stock the libraries at installation.

Matching Grants:

Kathryn brought up 10/3/20 deadline for a matching grant (\$3500) from District....Projects that include volunteer opportunities as well as financial component are encouraged. The board discussed hands-on Rotary projects including Raising Girls, EFN, Tacoma Rescue Mission and Santa for Seniors. Gil and Diane will work with Kathryn and will ask Seth if he can quickly do a draft for Oct 3 deadline.

Other Reports:

Auction:

Cindy reported that Rotarians to Rescue coming to a close. Items that can be moved to next year are being moved.

Communication Committee:

Still working on scheduling timing for committee meetings.

Fellowship Committee:

Holding Social at McDuff's at Highlands Golf Course Thurs Oct 1, 4:30 pm, first 25. Discussion of legality on using language of more than 5 people gathering due to Covid restrictions.

Interact:

Jace still in process of connecting with Life Christian to identify a new faculty representative to work with the students.

Military:

DeAnne working on planning of 11/12 meeting speaker to honor Veteran's Day, it is unknown if we will partner with the Chamber for the Military Citizen of the Year Award.

Programs:

Kim gave report meetings scheduled through October, working forward. The speaker on 10-29 with present on Tacoma Ghost Stories, wear a mask.

Projects:

Report given that Becky Fontaine is organizing a blood drive.

Vocation:

Gil will reconnect with them.

Announcements:

- Kathryn reminded there are still spots for volunteers to help on Election Day, Nov. 3....2 hour shifts on your feet at polling boxes.
- Amazon.com "Smile.amazon.com" will now make donations to Tacoma Rotary Foundation....all encouraged to use it.
- Tacoma 8 received the Presidential Citation for work in 2019/2020....going after it again albeit a bit more challenging in this Covid year.

Celebration of Kathryn's Retirement!

Next Board meeting: Date October 26, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, Zoom

Adjourned 5:17pm. Respectfully submitted by Cindy Grady, Rotary Secretary