

**Rotary Club of East Hartford
Board Meeting Minutes, January 25, 2016
Site: East Hartford YMCA**

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by President Marc Glass at 5:34 p.m.

Attendance -

Present: President Marc Glass; Past President Mary Martin; Treasurer Bill Saunders; Sergeant-At-Arms Ned Lynch; Director Michael Kerrigan (until 6:09pm); Director Alex Wisz; Director Emeritus Robert Wood.

Absent: Secretary Susan Hansen; Director Bob Buettner; Director Brian Gorman; Director Janice Freschlin.

Secretary's Report – by Mary Martin on behalf of Susan Hansen

Membership Status Report as of 12/31/15: 65 members = 59 Active, 6 Honorary

The resignation of Tony Sweet was noted.

Attendance Report for December 2015: 73.09%

Secretary's report stands as approved

Treasurer's Report – Bill Saunders

Operations balance as of 1/22/16: Savings: \$9,405.44; Operations: \$10,760.13

Charitable balance as of 1/22/16: \$38,660.17; Duck: \$47.51; Golf: \$333.63

Treasurer's report stands as approved

Unfinished Business

Guidelines for Giving Committee update (Mary, Ned, Bob W.) :

The Board held a lengthy discussion on the Talking Points (attached). Consensus was as follows:
Time limit? Yes, 3 months; Sponsor? Not necessary, but good to know if we have a Club contact; change Application to say "sponsor, if any"; Club/Committee In-put? President-Elect should notify Club, Community Service and International committees chairs of proposed budget in April to solicit ideas for year beginning July 1 (although project requests will be taken into consideration as Applications are received throughout the year); Limit Donation Amount? Suggested that President-Elect give Club some kind of parameters on funding amounts (for example, 50% for East Hartford/5% Greater Hartford/20% International projects with set amounts for Paul Harris/Foundation or Scholarships) also suggested that local East Hartford budget be sub-divided further into categories such as schools/youth/sports/non-profits/civic; Clean Slate for 2016-17? Yes, meaning all past grantees are invited to apply but funding is not guaranteed.

Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting on February 22. Mary Martin is to notify Program Committee Chair Dan Firestone that the March 2 regular meeting program shall be a panel discussion with the Club on the Guidelines changes.

Homeless Shelter Project update: Marc Glass reported on behalf of Michael Kerrigan who was called away due to an emergency. Much of the work and improvements to the Shelter are being donated. It does not appear as though we will need to use all funds allocated. Mary Martin will determine if televisions (2) may be purchased and reimbursed with District Grant funds.

Membership Cards have been ordered.

Donation request for EH Hornets (football/youth cheerleading) was tabled pending need for further information. Ned Lynch will ask how many children participate and when is the funding needed.

New Business

District Grant Webinars – the Club has enough members signed-up to attend.

Membership growth for 2016-17: The Club will enter “plus 2” members as its goal.

Opportunity to Discuss Items Not on the Agenda

District Conference (April in Hyannis): Marc Glass reviewed the costs and stated that his suite will be the site of the Club’s Hospitality Suite for the District.

Duck Race: Due to Dave Amberg’s family issues, Alex Wisz will again be this year’s Committee Chair. He will call a planning meeting shortly.

Set Next Meeting Date/Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 22, 2016.

Motion to adjourn: Bill Saunders, second Bob Wood. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary G. Martin, Acting Secretary

January 26, 2016