

**Rotary Club of East Hartford**  
**Board Meeting Minutes, October 26, 2015**  
**Site: YMCA Board Room**

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by President Marc Glass at 5:31 p.m.
  
- II. **Attendance**  
Present: President Marc Glass; President Elect Alex Wisz; Past President Mary Martin; Secretary Susan Hansen; Treasurer Bill Saunders; Director Bob Buettner; Sergeant-At-Arms Ned Lynch; Director Janice Freschlin; Director Brian Gorman; Director Michael Kerrigan; Director Emeritus Robert Wood
  
- III. **Secretary's Report – Susan Hansen**  
Minutes from September 28 meeting were presented and stand as approved.  
Membership Status Report as of 9/30/15: 66 members = 60 Active, 6 Honorary  
Attendance Report for September 2015: 77.54%  
Secretary's report stands as approved
  
- IV. **Treasurer's Report – Bill Saunders**  
Operations balance as of 10/25/15: Savings: \$9403.07; Operations: \$10,448.17  
Charitable balance as of 10/25/15: \$45,176.42. Duck: \$47.51 Golf: \$333.53  
Treasurer's report stands as approved
  
- V. **Unfinished Business**  
Donation request from Mayberry School: After reviewing an additional email from Principal Jones, motion was made by Ned Lynch and seconded by Alex Wisz to purchase 5-6 iPad Air 16GB and cases within budget of \$3000.00. Unanimously approved. Susan Hansen will contact Apple Store and take care of purchases.
  
- VI. **New Business**  
*Fireside Chat Report:* Mary Martin reported that 59% of club members attended a chat, down from 66% last year. Members indicated they feel the Golf Tournament and Duck Race are doing a good job raising funds; a third fundraiser might be held every few years (Silent Auction, Wine Tasting with sponsor, car raffle, hosting beer garden at larger event

like Riverfest.) Members were not interested in doing community events in partnership with another organization in town, however there was interest in partnering with another local area Rotary club on a community project. On the topic of supporting new members to take leadership roles, The Board has approved the proposal to add "Attend two Board Meetings" to the new member passport. A question was raised regarding what follow-up we provide to the chat topics. Motion was made by Bob Buettner to add a second chat in-house during a springtime meeting; second by Alex Wisz. Approved unanimously. Question was raised: should we hold chats every 2 years?

*Storage Room Clean Up:* Items will be cleaned out, then room will be professionally cleaned. Leftover alcohol will be put out at November 18 meeting for people to take after donation to Sgt.-at-Arms fund.

*By-Laws Review:* Susan Hansen questioned whether By-Laws from 2006 needed to be reviewed. Discussion revealed that By-Laws had been updated since 2006. Most recent revision from 2014 was located by Mary Martin and is now on Club website.

*Nominating Committee:* Looking for new members; members should make an attendance commitment to serve on Board. Nominees will be announced at club meeting December 16. Voting at Club Assembly, December 30.

*Adopt-a-Family:* Club will once again sponsor two families in town for gifts/food for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

*Homeless Shelter Project:* \$4500; \$3000 District Grant, \$1500 club funds. Needs to be completed by March 31, 2016. Shelter has requested new commercial washer/dryer. Needs additional repairs around building.

## **VII. Opportunity to Discuss Items Not on the Agenda**

President Marc shared thank you notes from Mayor Leclerc for donation to library and Nate Quesnel for Koats for Kids.

Motion to contribute \$1.50/member to the Rose Bowl float made by Mary Martin; seconded by Alex Wisz. Unanimously approved.

Occasional "surprise" seating at club meetings.

Job Shadow Day -- possibly early January?

## **VIII. Set Next Meeting Date/Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 23, 2015. Motion to adjourn: Brian Gorman, second Janice Freschlin. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan M. Hansen*

Susan M. Hansen, Secretary

November 20, 2015