

Rotary Club of Buffalo / Buffalo Rotary Foundation
Board August 21, 2024
Minutes

Attendance: Suzanne O'Dell, Scott Thielman, Chris Husom, Craig Boysen, Kim Carlson, Jackie Crever, Dirk Foster. Guest: Mark Boyd

Board and Foundation minutes approved by Foster, seconded by Crever, Motion carried.

Treasurer's Reports for Board and Foundation: Craig will remove the "International Budget" (a past guideline) line of \$4,000 from future reports. Rio Azul will be removed from the report. There are two members (Huikko and Larson) with balances over 90 days. Both will be contacted. As dues come in our District invoice will be paid. Beds for Kids was awarded a \$10,000 grant from United for Youth. Rotary must collect purchase receipts and submit them to United for Youth for reimbursement. These expenses will be shown in our financial report but will be reimbursed. Motion to approved by Foster, seconded by Husom. Motion carried.

New Business

1. Community Service Chairperson - Board Resignation: Kim Carlson. Kim will submit a written resignation. Jennifer Lindquist was approached about the open position but turned it down. The board will continue to look for a new Community Service Chairperson.
2. Membership Chairperson position is open: Board will continue to look for the right person for this.
3. Rotary Tax Return Preparer – Craig is in contact with Casey at JMISC about a lower tax preparation fee than what CliftonLarsonAllen charges us. Craig will report at the September meeting.
4. Bylaws: The most recently revised Bylaws from 2022 were never signed by the secretary at the time (Dulcea Arden). Do we need to fix this?
5. Buffalo Rotary Club Investment Policy Statement from 2018 is still followed: \$3,000/year minimum contribution.
6. Toys for Tots – leadership: Shelley Stark & Bridget Lindeman
7. "You're Invited" cards – Chris Husom will update these cards to reflect our new meeting location. She will mail these cards to Chamber Members. Postage was approved.
8. Where to put plastic Rotary bench. Scott will work with the city to find a place for the bench, preferably downtown along the lake.
9. Roadside Cleanup – new leader – Lee Ryan. Dirk will meet with Lee to explain the procedures.
10. Raffle update by Tyler Reiss. The raffle is well underway, and tickets/money are coming in. Gift cards will be requested from the members. Volunteer sign-up sheet will be sent around at the next meeting.

No Old Business

Funding Requests

1. Buffalo Food Shelf – Coats for Kids - \$1,000 requested. Motion to approve by Husom, seconded by Thielman. Motion carried.

Chair Reports

- Membership/Networking: nothing
- Foundation: Scott Thielman: nothing
- Youth Services: Dirk Foster
 - a. Our Belgium exchange student, Juliette Homans, arrived August 19th.
 - b. Dirk will contact the high school with regards to finding students for Camp Enterprise in November.
 - c. Buffalo's part of the Foreign Exchange Student Summer Camp received rave reviews from the students. They like the activities we planned for them. The board suggested hosting it again but every other year.
- Community Projects:
 - a. Adopt A Family: 4 additional core volunteers are needed to make the program work this year. Requests will be made at the meetings.
 - b. Bed for Kids: Looking for 2-3 more volunteers to help with coordinating and delivering beds. Requests will be made at the meetings.
 - c. Street Party of Hope: Rotary will not participate this year.
- Club Administration: Chris Husom: nothing

Adjournment

NEXT BOARD MEETING – September 18, 2024, 10:45 – 11:45am – District Board Room