

Buffalo Rotary Club Board Minutes

Wednesday, March 19th, 2025, 10:45am – 11:45am

Buffalo Rotary Club Meeting

Present: Suzanne O'Dell, Paul Downer, Craig Boysen, Chris Husom, Dirk Foster & Debbie Uecker.

Absent: Scott Thielman

Meeting called to order at 10:45am

Call to Order

1. Approval of Board & Foundation minutes from 2/19/25. Motion by Chris, 2nd by Paul – Motion carried.
2. No updated Treasurer's Reports for Board & Foundation. Craig gave a verbal update on current balances.

New Business

1. Looking for a coordinator for the Buffalo Days Parade for Rotary's unit.
2. Discussion on potential new members attending rotary meetings before making an application to become a member. Debbie looked at current bylaws and Rotary bylaws and nowhere does it state this. After discussions motion by Debbie, 2nd by Chris to have potential new Rotary members attend 2 meetings and can make application on the 3rd meeting – Motion carried.
3. Debbie will work on making changes to our bylaws and compare them to Rotary's bylaws and bring them back before the board for potential changes.

Old Business

1. Suzanne visited the Rotary Storage Unit; current cost is \$60 a month that has been paid out of Beds for Kids account although the unit has other club items in it. A motion was made by Chris, 2nd by Debbie to have Beds for Kids pay 2/3rd of the cost of the unit and the club pay 1/3rd of the cost of the unit – Motion carried.
2. Buffalo Rotary Officers for 2025-2026. Current open positions are Membership/Community Service, Treasurer and Secretary as this is Debbie's 3rd year on the board.
3. Veteran's Park Project – Paul gave an update the group will be applying for a grant in a couple of weeks.

Funding Requests

1. Buffalo Library request for \$200 - \$1,500 for audio read along and play 2 learn kits request – Motion by Dirk, 2nd by Debbie to donate \$500 – Motion carried.
2. Buffalo Hospital Nurses Practice week request for \$750, discussions on the request and would like more information in the future – Motion made by Craig, 2nd by Chris to donate \$500 – Motion carried.
3. Buffalo Youth Anglers Club request for \$1,000 for uniforms, background checks, and sponsorship to keep costs down – Motion by Debbie, 2nd by Craig to donate \$1,000 – Motion carried.
4. Buffalo Community Toy Shop request for \$800 for new equipment – Motion by Debbie, 2nd by Chris to donate \$800 – Motion carried.
5. Fishing Clinics for Kids request for \$500 for fishing poles, tackle boxes, bobbers, stringers, lures – Motion by Debbie, 2nd by Paul to donate \$500 – Motion carried.
6. Buffalo Business Professionals of America request for \$4,000 – Motion by Dirk, 2nd by Paul to donate \$500 – Motion carried.

Chair Reports

- Grants/Projects: Paul Downer
- Foundation: Scott Thielman
- Youth Services: Dirk Foster – no outbound students
- Club Administration: Chris Husom – President's elect meeting will be via zoom on 4/22 & 4/23 \$250 fee.
- Community Services:
- Membership/Networking:

Motion to adjourn at 11:45 (Debbie/Chris)

Next Board Meeting – April 16th, 2025, 10:45 -11:45 BHM District Office Conference Room.

Minutes submitted by: Debbie Uecker