Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Santa Rosa, CA

Minutes of the Board Meeting

August 21, 2019

Attendees:

**Board Members Present Board Members Present Board Members Present**

Chuck Baker yes Don Johnson yes Susan Nowacki no

Janet Codding yes Barbara Larson yes Milagros Ott no

Chris Feldman yes Kris Lepore no Steve Reis no

Darcie Fellows yes Gary Lucas yes Harry Rubins no

Bill Gunter yes David McDonald yes Christine Schieberl no

Tarina Hall yes Mike Merrill yes Casey Williams yes

**President Chuck** called the Board meeting to order at 11:53 am. A quorum was established. On a motion by **Darcie Fellows** and a second by **Barbara Larson** the minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

**Secretary’s Report: Tarina** reported that July’s club attendance was 78% a delightful tribute to a new year. Our Club Operations account stands at $12,834.01. Currently eight members have not paid dues which represents $2380 in revenue. These members will be contacted about their continuing interest.

**Treasurer’s Report:** **Barbara** shared that we currently have $189k in restricted funds reflecting a $5k gain in investments and $74k in unrestricted funds in our Community Fund account. She indicated that by next month she will have loaded the approved budget information allowing a comparison of budget to actual.

**Open Forum:**

* **David & Kim McDonald** have very graciously offered to host our Club Holiday Party in their lovely home. The event will be Sunday, 12/8/2019 from 2-5 PM. This will be an Open House and members are invited to share food and adult beverages. The **“Louies”** will be serving up their famous gumbo. Mark your calendars!

**Club Business:**

* **Public Image – Janet** is looking for additional information about CPI and our 9/21 service project to include in her next Friends of Rotary newsletter
* **Club Service –** Due to declining membership and increasing costs our caterer has increased our costs by $1 to $16 per head. This increase will not be passed on to our members At **Darcie’s** suggestion, we will be adding a Tip Jar to recognize our servers and off-set costs.
* **International Service – Don** is doing a fantastic job of maximizing our impact on an International level with the use of matching and global grants and partnering with local and international clubs. He is currently working on efforts in Brazil and Ecuador. It was suggested that he do a presentation to the Club to raise awareness.
* **Vocational Service – Bill Gunter** suggested a distribution of a book on California geology. Other Board members offered additional suggestions of a speech contest, recognizing outstanding teachers from the schools we support or other community leaders and job shadowing.
* **Youth Services – Darcie** shared that the Interact Club is quite active and has a membership of 12-14 teens. They recently did a beach clean-up and are ready to implement their clean socks and water bottles project for the homeless. She has been frustrated by our inability to navigate the RI website to ensure our registration of our youth clubs. She will be reaching out to District Chairs to resolve this issue
* **Membership – Mike & President Chuck** led a worthwhile discussion on the Honorary Member status. Based on RI guidelines, the honorary status should only be conferred on those in the community who support and/or exemplify Rotary ideals, not necessarily Rotarians. On a motion by **Don Johnson** and a second by **Chris Feldman** it was unanimously approved that moving forward any candidates would meet the RI criteria and require approval of the Board.
* **Fundraiser – President Chuck** shared with the Board his desire to have our Fund-In-Need focus on the physical construction or reconstruction of housing for the homeless.

**PE & Crab Feed Chair Casey** enthusiastically shared the logo and Crab Feed name – “Crabnum PI” – total fun and engaging!!!!

* + He also stated that his expectation was that every member of the Board embrace and own some portion of the event (20/80 doesn’t work!!)
  + His first meeting was very successful and several interesting and different ideas were embraced enabling members to “own” a more manageable role.
  + We will be devoting one Club meeting a month to our Fundraiser
  + Casey will also chair meetings with the key players on a regular basis
* **Fun Committee – Chris** started by sharing what a success our first annual Club Picnic was. **Milagros** hosted the event at MCDC with a BBQ. We had 24 people and 2 dogs in attendance. Rick Feldman managed the grill and everyone brought goodies to share – a really great event! Our next “Fun” event is the inter-club Bocce tournament on 9/7 and we will have 2 teams…not sure about the skill level, but enthusiasm is high! August SCARC is being hosted by the Glen Ellen Club and **President Chuck** will represent the Club.

Our meeting was adjourned at 1:36pm

Respectfully Submitted

Tarina Hall

Secretary

**Our next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, September 18, 2019 @ 11:45 – Sam’s For Play 2630 Cleveland Ave. SR**