Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Santa Rosa, CA

Minutes of the Board Meeting

September 18, 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 no Gary Lucas yes Harry Rubins no

Bill Gunter no David McDonald no Christine Schieberl yes

Tarina Hall yes Mike Merrill yes Casey Williams no

**Guest:** Ginny Pitts

**President Chuck** called our Board meeting to order at 11:56 am. A quorum was established. On a motion by **Janet Codding** and a second by **Mike Merrill** the minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

**Secretary’s Report: Tarina** reported that August’s club attendance was 71%. This month we have had two additional resignations – Marie Winter & Jim Underhill. Those who have yet to pay dues will be contacted to determine their continuing interest. Our balance in the Club Operations account is $13,714.92.

Treasurer **Barbara** announced that the year-end close has been completed, the new 2019-20 budget has been loaded and reflected in today’s reports. Additionally, all tax information has been given to the accounting firm and we are on target for a timely filing.

**Club Business:**

* President **Chuck** his concern that attendance has fallen off and this is causing a short-fall in our income from lunches. Several ideas were discussed, and it was determined that we would increase the charge for “no lunch” from $10 to $15 which the President would present to the club.
* **DG Kathy Flamson** is scheduled to visit the Club on 10/23/2019. Board meeting with her is scheduled at 10:00 prior to the meeting (This was subsequently cancelled due to a personal emergency on her part and will be rescheduled)
* **President Chuck** has selected a recipient for his term and the Fund-in-Need at our Crab Feed. That will be Community Housing of Sonoma County and more information about this group can be found at chsc.org The group will be doing a presentation at the club in the future to better educate our members on their mission and impact with the homeless population.
* **Janet** is hoping to focus the next “Friends of Rotary” newsletter on recent projects and introduce the Crab Feed to generate interest and participation
* **Don** **Johnson** volunteered to Chair the Projects Committee during this term. The Projects Committee is made up of the Chairs of the 5 Avenues of Service and makes recommendations to the Board about how to distribute the proceeds from the Crab Feed fundraiser to the Community and Internationally
* **Chris** regaled us with stories of the Bocce Tourney where our men’s team did very well, but no cigar and the ladies bombed but enjoyed their lemon drops!! She also shared that more fun things are in store….stay tuned!

**Membership Committee: Mike Merrill** reviewed the results from the working session we did at a recent Club meeting. It appears that the participation was healthy and there may be several actionable items to consider. He will (and did) forward the recap to all Board members and requested review and discussion at a future meeting. One outcome was our necessity to explain and re-explain issues such as dues and expenses to the general membership as there seems to be a lack of understanding about some of these issues – information the membership has a need and right to understand.

**International Services: Don Johnson,** a strong advocate for International work and creative fund generator, reviewed some of the proposed and pending projects. He completed a Global Grant to provide a surgical unit is Brazilia and requested that funds be transmitted; the dental unit in Sao Paulo is moving forward which would provide services to physically and mentally challenged individuals; a wonderful opportunity has presented itself through past exchange student, Chris Gullixson, for another grant to support farmers in Ecuador in growing bamboo. It was suggested that Don is accomplishing so many amazing things and our membership is unaware of our impact. Don will (and did) present a detailed overview of our International projects at a future meeting. It is important that the general membership have a good understanding of how our dollars and being spent and the difference we are making in the world.

Our meeting was adjourned at 1:44PM

Respectfully Submitted

Tarina Hall

Secretary

**Our next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, October 16, 2019 @ 11:45 – Sam’s For Play 2630 Cleveland Ave. SR**