**Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West**

**Santa Rosa, CA**

**Minutes of the Board Meeting**

**July 24, 2018**

**Attendees:**

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

David McDonald yes Don Johnson no

Chuck Baker yes Harry Rubins yes Denise Chapartequy yes

Chris Feldman no Christine Schieberl yes

Tarina Hall yes Darcie Fellows no **Guests:**

Barbara Larson no Gary Lucas yes Ginny Pitts

Janet Codding yes Casey Williams yes Elaine Pitts

Susan Nowacki no Mike Merrill yes

Bill Gunter yes Milagros Ott yes

President **David** called his first meeting to order at 12:01pm. A quorum was established. On a motion by **Janet Codding** and a second by **Christine Schierberl** the minutes or the previous meeting were approved as amended.

**Secretary’s Report**: It was reported that attendance for June was 67%. We currently have 54 active members in the Club and as of 07/23/2018 twenty-five (25) members had paid dues in full or in part. The balance in the Operations account is $15,885.73.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tabled due to Treasurer’s absence.

**President’s Report:**

* **President David** suggested that future Board Meetings be moved to Osake Restaurant. Central location, easy parking, nice meeting room and they will provide a lunch for $25. On a motion by Gary Lucas and a second by Janet Codding the motion was approved.
* **Annual Fundraiser –** David spearheaded a conversation about the declining Club interest in and the diminishing financial results of the event. We are currently receiving limited Club support and participation; it needs to be re-energized and more profitable in order for us to be able to contribute to our community. After sharing many ideas, opinions and impressions, it was determined that this was an issue of such import that it must be discussed with the Club in general session. Chuck Baker (PE) and Casey Williams (PP) offered to lead the discussion/s.

**Youth Services:** Christine reported that Rotaract is struggling due to low membership and summer activities. She suggested that they need “guidance” not management. Tommy Abel has returned from Finland which he described as an awesome experience and Audrey, our out-bound, leaves for Denmark shortly.

**Community Service:** Don Johnson found an interesting project in the Roseland area which Bill Gunter presented to the Board for consideration. The $2200 REFB grant was approved on a motion from Bill with a second from Mike Merrill. Bill also felt that this could also grow into future hands-on projects which could also involve Interact & Rotaract.

**Membership:** Mike Merrill advocated for getting more current members in our Club perhaps through group discussions and/or breakout sessions. Christine suggested we have a short membership item spotlighted in our Friday group email.

Our meeting was adjourned at 1:30

After the meeting was adjourned, several of us stayed behind to hear Christine’s comments on moving our newsletter to the DACdb platform. She shared what East and Calistoga are doing discussing the pros and cons of each and thoughts on design for our Club. Ultimately, this approach will provide easier member access to information, information management and maneuverability as well as an improved newsletter.

**Our next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, August 15th, 2018 @ 11:45 – Osake Restaurant, 2446 Patio Court – adjacent to Montgomery Village.**

**All welcome – your thoughts appreciated.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tarina Hall

Secretary