

**Rotary Club of Oregon City  
Minutes of the  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 8, 2024**

**Present:** President Leah Sundquist, Vicki Yates, Karen Martini, Marcia Wimmer, Pete Danner, Marilyn Morrissey, Cindy Crowell, Gil Crowell, Karen Rush, Mark Meek

Meeting commenced at 5:01 pm

Leah asked if in person or Zoom is better for board meetings. The consensus was that Zoom is preferred. **Future board meetings will be on Zoom unless notified otherwise.**

**Secretary's Report** (Vicki Yates):

Motion to approve minutes (Gil/Cindy) from board meeting of November 13, 2023: One minor change was made to the minutes. Despite the motion, no vote was taken.

Vicki will prepare a report for Leah's signature of the election results for the club's 2024-25 officers. The slate of officers were approved at December's annual meeting upon motion by Dave Wimmer and second by Larry Moseley.

Other: Where to keep liability insurance information received from RI. OK to keep in secretary's computer files. **Vicki will send a copy of the insurance document to Karen Martini for event purposes.**

**Treasurer's Report** (Cindy Crowell):

We are paid up to date on our rent. There are a couple of outstanding bills that will be paid. Cindy will send out the financials tomorrow. Leah is ordering two small stamps that say "Donated by Rotary Club of Oregon City." RI will be increasing the cost of dues the club pays to RI because of an increase in the price of the Rotarian Magazine. At this point, this increase does not result in a change in what we invoice our members. Members can opt out of receiving the hard copy of the Rotarian and get it online only.

**President's Report** (Leah Sundquist):

Meetings attended by Leah: regular weekly club meetings and AG monthly meeting

Events: No events until April. In March, the DG will be visiting our club.

Debra Mason (We Care) will send a get well card to Tiffany Gillespie. Debra Mason will be Rotarian of the Month. Alexa Lachman will also be honored.

Some of the AV equipment we use at our meetings belong to the library and Greg Williams brings the library equipment to our weekly meetings. This will cease next year when Greg is no longer in charge of AV. Greg does not recommend that we purchase tech equipment because it will be outdated in a few years. We currently use speakers and some other equipment belonging to the Elks. We are working with the Elks to determine how we can continue to use their equipment and keep our AV

purchases to a minimum. The Rotarians looking into this IT/AV issue will bring their recommendations to the board in the not too distant future.

### **Old Business:**

Lunches. Less people are ordering lunches. We have not been paying for YEX students' lunches because we don't know when they are coming. They do not have transportation available from the high school. **Leah will look into how to send DACdb invitations to YEX students so they can participate in our regular meetings via Zoom.**

High Desert Leadership Retreat will be attended by Juan and Rasmus. Neither of them need club funds to pay for the retreat.

Grants: Leah has not received anything about a second round of grants.

### **Committee Reports/Updates:**

#### **Membership** (Marcia Wimmer):

Marcia shared our satellite Club's vision and mission (attached). The group met today.

The Clackamas Sunrise Club shared its dues structure for all membership levels, including family rates. We will consider this information as an example should we decide to offer additional levels of membership dues.

We discussed recognizing Sharon Thonstad in some capacity, to be decided.

Bill Peterson was added to the membership committee. He may work to develop Fireside Chats for new members.

Membership goal: 50. Current membership: 48  
4 new members since 7/1/23: Doug Neeley, Alexa Lachlan, Chris Garcia, Bill Peterson.  
New member sponsorship goal: 5 Actual current member sponsorship: 4  
New Member Sponsors are Karen Martini and Walt Fitch (Doug Neeley), Leah Sundquist (Alexa Lachman and Chris Garcia), and John Anderson (Bill Peterson)

Alexa Lachman will develop a new member brochure which will include verbiage/activities that might attract Millennials. The goal is for it to be finished in time for First City Celebration.

**Speaker/Program** (Pete Danner): The committee's first goal was to produce a letter to share with the speakers before they come to the meeting. A letter has been prepared containing information about Rotary, directions to the meeting place and other relevant information. The committee has speakers scheduled until May, with only one opening, on February 28th. The committee will next meet on Jan 10th. The next goal is to build practices that will get members excited about the speakers.

**Foundation** (Karen Rush): The quarterly meeting was in December. The foundation board voted to fund a Clackamas Women's Service Project (a camp for kids). The foundation board looked at our grant application and made changes to make it clearer. A secretary will be voted on at the March meeting. A new committee chair is needed for next year. Bret Pippin has expressed an interest in the position. Karen will remain

on the foundation board but not as chair. The foundation investment account has had really great earnings recently so there is money to use for projects.

**Fundraising** (Karen Martini): We need to retrain our club members that Derby Day is a single day, May 4th. It is no longer Derby Days. The committee decided that money raised will be used “to nurture body and mind.” There is a fundraising committee meeting on January 17th at the Elks Club.

**International Service** (Marilyn Morrissey): Any newly approved Global Grant will be granted a 1.5:1 DDF match (instead of 1:1) as long as the lead club is qualified. This is in effect until the end of June.

**Community Service** (Gil Crowell): Father’s Heart sandwich making is this Friday, January 12th at 9 am. On Jan. 19 at 5 pm, the committee will meet at Gil’s home. On Jan 26, Rotarians will be stamping and assembling the environmental books to be distributed to seven local schools. Delivery dates for the books is to be determined.

**New Business:**

Spring training and conference: Let Leah know if you are going to the April training and conference. New board members should be attending the Friday training session.

Action Plan: Leah has received the requested three goals from Membership but no other committee. If you have your goals, please send them to Leah.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.**

**Next meeting:** February 12, 2024 at 5 pm on Zoom