

**Rotary Club of Oregon City
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
March 10, 2024**

Present: President Leah Sundquist, Vicki Yates, Marcia Wimmer, Marilyn Morrissey, Cindy Crowell, Gil Crowell, Karen Martini, Greg Geist, Mark Meek

Meeting commenced at p.m. 5:04 p.m.

Secretary's Report (Vicki Yates): November minutes were approved (Motion previously made by Gil/Cindy). Greg abstained. January minutes were approved (Marcia/Marilyn). Greg abstained. February minutes were reviewed. On motion by Marilyn/Marcia, the motion passed. Greg, Vicki and Mark abstained. The document setting out the club's elected officers was signed by Leah and has been filed in DACdb.

Treasurer's Report (Cindy Crowell): We are doing well financially. Bill for January dues from RI was not sent to Cindy. Vicki received it and forwarded it to Cindy and it was paid. The new treasurer needs to inform RI who the new treasurer is so the bills are received by the treasurer. We have \$7,500 in the bank. Members are paying for their meals and sitting fees. Cindy will be meeting for training with her successor, Brian Nava. Cindy will check with Alexa to get all her invoices for lunches purchased in December and January.

President's Report (Leah Sundquist): Leah attended a number of meetings this past month and attended two events, the environmental book delivery to McLoughlin Elementary and the Brax Laundry event.

Old Business:

Grants Update: We need to close out grant reports for Pioneer Pantry and environmental book projects. Leah and Gil will follow up with Karen Rush. There is still one more school book delivery to do—there was a delay due to snow.

Committee Reports/Updates:

Membership (Marcia Wimmer): Martha Spiers is a new member ready to be inducted as soon as she pays her dues. The satellite club paperwork and dues are in process. Alexa will be taking over as membership chair on July 1st. Marcia and Dave Wimmer will meet with Bill Peterson to help educate him about our club and foundation so he can do fireside chats with new members.

Speaker/Program (Pete Danner): Pete was not at the meeting, but he submitted a report. We will ask club members at future meetings to hold questions until the end of the speaker's presentation so we are not interrupting. All speaker slots

for this Rotary year are filled except one. Greg Williams and Karen Martini will co-chair this committee next year.

Fundraising (Karen Martini): The fundraising committee continues to work on Derby Day, securing both cash and in-kind sponsors. The Club is asked to participate on all levels -- sponsorships, donation of items for the silent auction, whiskey pull and wine toss, and helping spread the word to boost ticket sales. Planning is on track for a successful event on May 4.

The Club has been assured that we once again have the rodeo gate duty at the Clackamas County Fair, August 13-17. The contract has not been discussed yet.

We will not be the First City Celebration—they are hiring their own event planner and using their own staff to take our place. That event earned us \$2,500 in the past.

Foundation (Karen Rush): Leah delivered the report. The quarterly foundation meeting will take place on March 20th. The foundation board will be nominating Vicki as secretary and Brett Pippett as a member of the foundation board and then as head of the foundation for next year.

Community Service (Gil Crowell): Nine Rotarians volunteered to assist others with Love One at Brax Laundry. Environmental books were delivered to Oregon City schools. Thirty-one club members participated. Both projects were very successful and the committee looks forward to repeating them next year.

On April 6th, we are scheduled to participate in a project with Friends of Trees. Also scheduled is a joint community service project with the Satellite Club/water committee on April 20th. We will be pulling ivy and cleaning up at Singer Creek Falls. Deadline to sign up is March 29th. The next Community Service Committee meeting will be March 15, 2024, 5:30 p.m .

International Service (Marilyn Morrissey): We committed to the Haiti water project in November. Everything is ready to go except RI's approval of the project for \$1,500 from our club. The Lake Oswego club wants to know if we are interested in contributing to a proposal for a Tanzanian project to build latrines. Budget totals \$26,125, \$19k from clubs. A commitment is needed by May, but the grant proposal won't be submitted until the next Rotary year. Motion by Gil/Vicki to present this project to the club for a vote before referring it to the Foundation. Motion passed unanimously.

Youth Exchange (Mimi Cogswell): Mimi is the new chair. She was not present but submitted a report. We are in need of host families. Current families are behind in getting their paperwork submitted. We are moving forward with 3 activities to recruit new students and host families: **1.** 3/6 Culture Club hosting with Cornelia Seigneur the German Teacher, Rotary will be there with handshakes and donuts for the students. **2.** 3/14 Cornelia has invited us to join her table at the Freshman Parent orientation 6 to 8 pm. We will be passing out fliers for exchange and hosting. **3.** 3/16 Hosting coffee gathering at 2pm at Coffee Rush in Oregon City, inviting interested candidates for hosting to meet and discuss what they can expect. We also will be calling out to previous host families in Oregon City with Rotary if they are interested, and will also do some social media campaigns and a couple of PeachJar blasts before the month is over.

Interact Club: no interest at the HS so will look at the Middle school to start

Public Image Director (Trieste Andrews): Trieste is new to the position while Tiffany is recovering.

Satellite Club: The satellite club has a mission and has been meeting since November. They are starting to do projects and having speakers. Member dues have not been paid yet.

New Business:

District Conference: we have a few of the board members attending and a couple new members as well. No walk ins permitted.

Action Plan: Membership is almost at the goal of 50+, Community Service is almost at the 12 projects for the year, We exceeded the Polio contributions goal and are \$1K short on our Annual Giving for TRF. On April 3, Leah will give a club update on goals and discuss the District Governor's visit. Poor response to Club health check survey, so it is hard to gauge how well we are doing.

Meeting adjourned: Karen/Mark moved to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Next meeting: April 8, 2024 at 5 p.m. on Zoom

Vicki Yates, Club Secretary