

**Rotary Club of Oregon City
Board Minutes
February 10, 2025**

Present: Gil Crowell, Marcia Wimmer, Karen Martini, Cindy Crowell, Trieste Andrews, Greg Geist, Mimi Cogswell, Bret Pippett , Vicki Yates, Marilyn Morrissey and Dan Green

Meeting commenced at 5:04 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Trieste/Bret moved to accept the January minutes and it was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: We are losing money with lunches. We now guarantee 25 lunches. It is unclear whether the caterers will still serve us if we only want to guarantee 20 lunches. More research needs to be done on this item was tabled.

President-Elect's Report: Dan is working on online courses. He will be going to PETS in San Jose in March.

President's Report: Gil has attended several committee meetings and is very pleased with the progress of the committees.

Public Storage: Price is going up from \$166 to \$220 on May 31st. We use only about 1/3 of the space and we can probably go to a smaller unit. Not all our decorations are currently in the storage unit. Cindy Crowell pays \$66/month in Oak Grove as a non-profit. Smaller units will be investigated by Trieste and the matter was tabled.

Committee Reports/Updates:

Youth Exchange: We are still looking for a host family for mid-March to mid-June for Clark and a host family for next year. Tim Cook is a possible host.

Public Image Chair: Dac Tech is still trying to determine how to highlight any water committee meetings in blue. Akiko will step in to help while Trieste is on vacation from 2/17-3/1.

Program/Speaker Chair: We have programs until the end of February. Except for March 5, programs are booked through April.

Oregon City Rotary Foundation Chair: Love One and Literacy projects are funded and in the process. Foundation Board contributed \$1,500 to help fund the Lunar New Year program at CCC. In process. Tabled discussion to increase the contribution to the CCC scholarship endowment annually so we can get to a meaningful scholarship amount of around \$2,000. The current scholarship was \$962. Also, there is the possibility of making up the difference for direct scholarships to the student until the endowment is fully funded. Elevate Plaza peace pole discussion was tabled until the next meeting. The OC School district peace pole discussion is still in process.

Membership Chair: Goal: 55 Actual: 56 in DACdb; 55 at RI. New Member: Wes Harper, transferred from RC Portland; a 35-year Rotarian. Fireside Chat: Hoping to schedule within the

coming few weeks; will be inviting about a dozen newer members and spouses
Prospective new member: Jorge Lopez, Embold CU branch manager; very interested and could help us with becoming more diverse.

Community Service Chair: Father's Heart sign up sheet will be at tomorrow's meeting. Working to buy books for the schools.

Fundraising Chair: Derby Day is May 3, 1 p.m., Providence Willamette Falls Community Center, \$50 ticket price (on sale starting in March). A small steering committee is leading the event planning and will be pulling in other Rotarians to take on specific tasks. Currently, working on securing food vendors, planning decor, designing the marketing campaign, securing sponsors (presently at \$6,800 cash), designing financial tracking systems, creating games, and pulling together the big raffle prize. Two big changes this year: (1) The silent auction will be replaced with other activities TBD. (2) The raffle prize will offer the winner a choice of excursion trips, rather than a wagon filled with liquor. Ticket sales (\$25 each) will demand robust involvement.

International Service Chair: No specific report. Marilyn is waiting for a list of projects needing support in the district.

Water Club Chair: Greg presented at the Milwaukie Rotary Club and went to their fundraiser. They have several techniques that brought in big money and he encouraged us to chat with that club. Next month's water meeting is at a green building in Portland.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.

Next Meeting: March 10, 2025

Vicki Yates, RCOC Secretary