

Rotary Club of Oregon City
Board Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2025

Attendance: President Gil Crowell, Vicki Yates, Dave Wimmer, Greg Williams, Marcia Wimmer, Cindy Crowell, Leah Sundquist, Karen Martini, Pete Danner, Bret Pippett, Greg Geist, Marilyn Morrissey and Mimi Cogswell.

The meeting commenced at 5 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Vicki was not at the March meeting and there was not a quorum at that meeting. Minutes for that meeting and for the short board meeting on April 7th are forthcoming and we will vote on them next week. At the April 7th meeting, the board voted to reimburse Dan Green for his president elect expenses.

Treasurer's Report: We had budgeted for rent this year that we did not have to spend. We have learned informally that we will no longer be able to get catering from Providence due to their financial situation. It is also possible that free rent might not continue so we should budget for some rent for next year. We also are not bringing in enough money to cover the cost of catered lunch so we need to discuss how to resolve this in the near future, by raising the lunch price and/or the sitting fee and/or club dues. Our incoming co-presidents will discuss this and bring a recommendation back to the board before the next board meeting.

President's Report: Gil attended various committee meetings and is very pleased with the club's progress. He is also thrilled that we resolved our leadership dilemma. Pete Danner and Dave Wimmer will serve as co-presidents next year.

Old/New Business:

Storage unit cost: The cost goes up at the end of May unless we want to move to a smaller unit, which is doable. Gil will contact Trieste to determine the current lease requirements and the cost of a smaller unit. **Rodeo Participation:** We are participating again this year. Kevin Bartel will be involved in coordinating the rodeo.

Committee Reports/updates:

Peace Builder Chair: There is no new information on the peace builder club or from the school district on peace poles.

Oregon City Rotary Foundation Chair: The foundation approved Tim Cook/CCC's requested \$1,000 for a 1500-mile run to support CCC students. The foundation also approved Mimi's request for a \$400 pledge for Pink Keys—a project to provide computer tools for needy Colombian girls.

Program Chair: We have two openings to fill—June 18 and July 16.

Membership Chair: Current membership is 55. We lost two members-Dan and Jennifer Green. RI dues are increasing \$3.50 per member next year. RI liability insurance will go up minimally. District dues will increase \$2.00 per member. **First City Celebration:** July 26,

2025, 11:00am-6:00pm. We have reserved a vendor spot for \$100 and will partner with the water committee (emergency preparedness/sanitation).

Community Service Chair: Nine people made Father's Heart lunches last week, and we have exhausted the grant funds so there will be no activity in June.. On May 17th, we have the cemetery cleanup. We have a June 25th project with Love One providing containers for hygiene products. In June, the water committee has a project at the Environmental Learning Center.

Fundraising Chair: We don't have Derby Day numbers yet, but it looks like we will clear \$19k, and the net has been increasing about \$2,000 each year.

Youth Exchange Chair: We are recruiting for a YEX student for 2026-27. We have host families for our incoming YEX student. Our current YEX students are presenting to the club this month.

RYLA Chair: We don't have a student yet. Natalie does not meet the age requirement (she is 18, not 19) and we have requested a waiver of the age requirement. To date we have not gotten a response.

International Service Chair: Update on Uganda project we supported in 2020-2021. The project built a harvest storehouse to reduce crop storage losses by safely storing crops prior to sale. The project was completed, but due to poor workmanship it is not able to be used and roof repairs are estimated to cost \$25,000. \$4400 has been raised, and Beaverton Club is asking for a commitment of \$750. Motion (Leah/Marilyn) that our board recommend to the foundation that they allocate \$750 for this project. Motion passed unanimously.

Water Committee Chair: Some water committee members are attending our club meeting and are integrating well. Alexa Morris is the driving force on the committee. She has been out sick and that has slowed things down.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Next Meeting- June 9, 2025, 5:00 p.m. on Zoom

Vicki Yates, RCOC Secretary