

SWPCP Rotary Club Board Meeting Minutes 12/06/2021

Attendance:

Paul Estrella, President	Nancy McAllister, Past Pres.
Eleanor Ramage, Secretary	Brad Browning, Director
Mark Magee, Pres.- Elect	Keleigh Schwartz, Pres. PRF
MaryAnne Murray, Director	Dennis Long, District Mbrshp Ch.

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m. after roll call and determination of quorum.

Agenda: Motion to approve by Eleanor, second by Mark; unanimous.

11/01/2021 Minutes: Motion to approve by Keleigh, second by MaryAnne; unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer not present; reports sent via e-mail but again, Keleigh did not receive any so Mark forwarded them to her. Dennis stated he had reviewed all financial information through July and everything was okay. Keleigh also reminded us that she had not received any October financial reports; others will forward to her. There were no questions.

Old Business:

1. Christmas Projects:
 - a. The District requested that we close out Clothes for Kids project and get all receipts to Brad. Nancy said there will be one more shopping day and Brad will have all receipts by 12/31/21.
 - b. Christmas Angels - Lynn sent out an e-mail detailing the schedule and remaining need for volunteers. Crunch time is coming so all are encouraged to help when & where able.
 - c. Shop With a Cop was a great success!
 - d. Ilwaco Crab Pot Tree Lighting went off very well, with help from several volunteer from our Club.
2. Christmas Party: All are encouraged to respond to the e-vite as soon as possible and sign up for what they will bring. Due to COVID concerns, Brad and Paul are doing their best to ensure handwashing and social distancing, and request people abide by mask mandate as appropriate.

New Business:

1. IHS Fund Request: There were no questions about the request submitted to the Board. Brief discussion and comments that we would be shortsighted not to approve the request for \$1,000.00, given who made the request and the level of support they provide to both Rotary and the community. Motion to approve by MaryAnne, second by Eleanor; unanimous to forward request as approved to Foundation Board.
2. Special Reports: None. Carol Lynn will provide update on TRF at next month's meeting and things are on schedule.
3. Ilwaco Fire Dep't and Dock: These have been put off until after 1/1/2022 once new mayor has been installed.

Open Discussion: Dennis asked if anyone had any helpful suggestions as follow-on to Cultural Survey and report. Nancy said she and Lynn had reached out to all members in efforts to get them participating specifically in Christmas projects. According to District Forum in which Dennis was involved, the emphasis is on retention and getting members involved in their club activities and projects. As a whole, District feels the clubs are doing well. Dennis also added that due to health reasons, he will be stepping down as District Membership Chair but will remain on the committee. Discussion continued as to how we, as a Board, tackle

meeting the needs of those not attending meetings and/or getting involved. Paul tasked all Board members with reviewing the report on survey done by Dennis and Carol Lynn to see what concerns we have not addressed. Board members were asked to provide ideas and suggestions to Paul prior to January Board meeting. Keleigh will put the document up on our website so all can review. One point made was that many felt our Club was more of a social than service organization, and only a handful of people are doing the bulk of the service work and are tired. Perhaps before we take on a project, new or old, we need to ascertain available volunteers, with possibility of not being able to do something because not enough people are stepping up. Concerns voiced over how we turn Club into more of a service organization, the focus of Rotary, and it seems other clubs in District are also struggling with this issue. One factor is we just don't have as many Club members right now and it may just be difficult to do some of our projects. Eleanor said she and John have been reluctant to step up and participate due to both having serious medical issues and concerns the past two years. Others may have also been reluctant due to COVID concerns. Paul stated we need to protect the health and welfare of both our Club and the community in our service participation. MaryAnne suggested we might try to simplify some of our projects, scaling them back a bit and see if that would help, especially Christmas projects. The Board needs to seriously look at all of this and reported dissatisfaction of some members with Zoom meetings. MaryAnne added that it is highly doubtful we will be able to meet in person any time soon because of new variants. Keleigh suggested we need to figure out our mission for each event or project and how to meet this, with strong emphasis on service - need to find a balance somehow. We need to regain our energy and increase the willingness and ability of all our members to participated in Club activities. If no participation, it is possible that our major fundraising auction and other activities might be in question. **TASK:** Come up with ideas for Paul to help Club survive. Dennis added we need to start now to ramp up retention efforts or it may be too late.

Adjourned: 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Eleanor Wood Ramage
SPCP Club Secretary