

## SWPCP Rotary Club Board Meeting Minutes 02/07/2022

### Attendance:

Paul Estrella, President	Nancy McAllister, Past Pres.
Eleanor Ramage, Secretary	Carol Lynn Ockfen, TRF
Mark Magee, Pres.- Elect	Keleigh Schwartz, Pres. PRF
Dorothy Le, Treasurer	Lynn Raymer, Programs
MaryAnne Murray, Director	Nancey Olson

**Call to Order:** 5:31 p.m. after roll call and determination of quorum.

**Agenda:** Motion to approve by Eleanor, second by Carol Lynn; unanimous.

**01/03/2022 Minutes:** Motion to approve by Mark; second by MaryAnne; unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report:** All reports had been emailed prior to the meeting. Question from Eleanor concerning apparent non-payment of dues in January. Dorothy said she had not received an invoice but Paul and Eleanor had both received it via email. Eleanor will forward this to Dorothy after the meeting. Dorothy also reported that not much had happened during the month other than mailing out two reimbursement checks, and had nothing to add to financial reports.

### Old Business:

1. Club Culture Review: Carol Lynn, Dennis and Lynn are working on this but have not yet had a chance to meet. The main goal is to rope in those not currently attending and encourage them to attend the Club's next Fireside Chat. The committee hopes to reach out and make personal contact with the "shadow" members to ascertain what they need to be active and engaged again.
2. Secretary: As announced last month, Eleanor will be resigning as Secretary as of 6/30/2022 so we need to find a replacement. Paul will put this out to all Club members to see who might be interested. Eleanor said she is willing to assist with training and will present a brief synopsis of responsibilities at the next Club meeting.
3. Budget: Paul had resent this to all Board members and everyone indicated they received it. Question from Lynn about accounting for Pennies for Polio and one from Mark regarding adjustment to PETS training amount. Motion to approve by Keleigh, second by Nancy M; unanimous.

### New Business:

1. The Rotary Foundation: Carol Lynn reported that nine members have met their annual goal at this time and she intends to put a little pressure on those who have not yet contributed. She requested time at one of the next meetings to discuss this. Carol Lynn wants to try to personally approach those who have not contributed and remind them of the importance of this fund.
2. Meeting in Person: Discussion continues over when this might occur.
  - a. Mark said Oregon will be dropping their mask mandate 3/31/22 and it is anticipated Washington will soon follow. He feels now is a good time to start planning for when we are able to meet in person but he is reluctant to do so quite yet. Discussion ensued about vaccination status and validity of negative COVID tests. MaryAnne feels all members should be vaccinated to attend in-person meetings, and a negative test is not enough. Several Club members are being very cautious about gathering with others, for a variety of reasons, and some are pushing to resume face-to-face meetings. Paul stated it is not up to individuals to decide the timing and remains hesitant to start in-person now other than Firesides. Once the decision is made to resume our gatherings, he has rented the Library Annex for our use. MaryAnne commented that since Rotary is all about community values, it would be wiser to continue meeting via Zoom.
  - b. OWL: The Ilwaco Fire Station decided not to share theirs with us, for accountability reasons. Paul brought OWL up at the January meeting and asked if everyone had a chance to look at it and whether it might be worth purchasing. MaryAnne said she and Dave will soon be opening a primary

care clinic in Ilwaco and intend to invest in one, which they would be more than willing to share with Rotary for regular meetings.

- c. Poll of Board members:
  - i. Dorothy feels it's okay to meet in person if all are vaccinated (three members are not)
  - ii. Lynn says she's okay either way as long as everyone feels and acts in a safe manner; understands those not willing to meet in-person
  - iii. Keleigh is a high risk person so remains unwilling to join a large group
  - iv. Carol Lynn feels comfortable now with the people in her life and is trying to stay safe; says gatherings are situational
  - v. Nancey O said it should be okay for a few to gather and it should not become a personal issue. People should take responsibility for themselves.
  - vi. Mark and Eleanor had previously indicated their unwillingness to meet in person yet
- d. **Decision**: Paul said we won't meet together as a Club yet. It's fine, obviously, for those who want to gather in small groups or "pods", which may eventually be able to join together.
3. Arts and Adventures: The event has been cancelled for this year. There are plans in motion to raise money and small groups may need to meet to help this effort. A committee of Nancey O, Lynn, Carol Lynn and Kathy Long are working on a letter to be sent to previous donors and attendees asking for cash contributions. Paul added there are a lot of new businesses in town which should be included in distribution list.

#### Reports:

1. TRF update: Already provided.
2. Board Training, Leadership and Chair Development:
  - a. Mark has been working on the four core classes for PETS, and there will be virtual training. In-person training may happen at a later date.
  - b. Eleanor reported she did a DACdb webinar training last week and will participate in another tomorrow.
  - c. Paul has been working with the District's Presidents' Club and they want to start pulling in the President-Elects. Sessions are every other Friday.
  - d. Keleigh will be helping Paul with a spreadsheet for work on Ilwaco Fire Station. Paul says they still need people to help with this project and work can be done at individual's convenience as long as someone in charge is present. Main thing is painting but there are lots of little things to be done. They're also working on pulling in other outside contractors and Lynn will try to reach out to John D'Agostino.

**Open Discussion**: Nancey O asked when the next Foundation Board meeting would be and Keleigh responded it would be tonight, provided a quorum and need. However, there is no current Treasurer's Report. Keleigh said the one pressing issue is regarding possible request from Ilwaco High School to purchase (\$1,500) a pitching machine for girls' softball. Nancey O feels not because of our uncertain funding situation, Paul is in favor as is MaryAnne. Keleigh said it is no for now. Carol Lynn mentioned criterion of "how many kids will this help?", and the pitching machine won't help that many. She also suggested Keleigh steer the school toward the Ilwaco Education Foundation which seems to be well funded. The full discussion with Foundation Board might be postponed until March regular meeting since this is a good cause. Mark feels we might help them fundraise since this really isn't a lot of money.

**Reminder**: There will be no Rotary Auction at all this year.

**Adjourned**: 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Eleanor Wood Ramage  
SPCP Club Secretary

