

## SWPCP Rotary Club Board Meeting Minutes 03/07/2022

### Attendance:

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

**Call to Order:** 5:30 p.m. after roll call and determination of quorum. Nancy McAllister, Past Pres. is excused.

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

**02/04/2022 Minutes:** Motion to approve by Mark; second by Brad; unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dorothy reviewed all the reports that had been sent out and said dues were paid. There were no comments or questions.

### Old Business:

1. Club Culture Review: There are two upcoming in-person social meetings. The first on 3/15 is at Dan & Dorothy's house with St. Patrick's Day theme. Kathy Long is working on the foods and invitations have been sent out. The second one will be 3/22 at BOLD. Some former members and potential new ones plan to attend one or the other.
2. Secretary: Mark mentioned that other clubs have instituted a 3 or 6-month tenure to make it less onerous, with the previous officer there to help with any questions but not do the work. Eleanor said no one has approached her with any interest in assuming her position. Mark suggested that someone, probably him, attend the Portland Oak Grove meeting to see how it works.

### New Business:

1. The Rotary Foundation: Carol Lynn reported there have been no changes since last month. Her computer was recently hacked but hopefully she can start to send out friendly reminders to those who have not contributed so far. People tend to forget about this but it is crucial for any matching grants.
2. Meeting in Person: Since mask mandate will soon be lifted, there was further discussion on this. Eleanor said her concern is those members who are still unvaccinated. Lynn would like to meet in person, but people need to take care of themselves. Carol Lynn added people should not put themselves in a compromising or uncomfortable situation. Mark feels we should still be cautious and at least still wear masks. MaryAnne reported everyone is still masking up at the clinic and residential facility, and she will continue to do so to minimize any chances of getting COVID again. She feels caution is very important regarding masking and larger gatherings and feels that even if we meet outdoors with plenty of space, people should wear masks and continue to distance. Keleigh added that she is not meeting in person with groups greater than 5 people unless it is warm enough to meet outside with plenty of space. MaryAnne suggested we should all invest in polar fleece zip-up onesies with our Rotary logo. OWL was again mentioned and Paul will send MaryAnne the necessary information. The Ilwaco Library Annex is still available to us but there is an issue with internet availability and consistency which Brad will further investigate. The Library was supposedly receiving a grant to update their system but no confirmation yet on that. OWL and Zoom would provide multiple pathways which make it problematic if using both. Keleigh doesn't feel we're ready to resume in-person since too many still want to meet on Zoom. **Action:** Resume

discussion of issue next month. Mark and Brad agree that people need to feel their personal choices are respected and they feel welcome, true especially for those members we're trying to bring back in. Bottom line is it has to feel safe for everyone.

3. **Fundraising:** Steve Bareis has voiced his interest in heading up the Golf Tournament. Paul has reached out to Don Parsons, who used to be charge of this, several times but not gotten a response. Historically this has been the Sunday of Rod Run weekend but Keleigh suggested we could change the date since it's being changed overall this year. Steve has also thought about moving the location to Surfside Golf Course and he will check into that possibility. Paul requested that all Board members think of ideas or suggestions for fundraising which would keep our cost under \$1,000 but make lots of money. **Action:** All Board members need to come up with ideas for fun events to bring to next month's meeting; add to Agenda under Old Business. Several suggestions were tossed out, including a Polar Plunge, pancake and sausage breakfast, and others. Nancey O asked how much we needed to raise and Brad said we aren't currently making any large payouts since expenses are down, so maybe do several small events; outdoors would be great. Nancey also suggested we reinstate the Birthday checks to provide some revenue. Mark added that a food focus is good along with being outdoors, possibly involving activities on history or environment of the Peninsula. Events could be created just for Rotary and there are lots of local resources and talent.

#### **Reports:**

1. **TRF update:** Already provided.
2. **Board Training, Leadership and Chair Development:** Mark has been doing PETS and plans to start attending the District Presidents Meeting. He has been working closely with Paul to prepare for the transition at the end of June. Paul said he is one of the judges at Seaside for the Story Slam.

**Open Discussion:** Lynn said she has programs lined up through the end of April, including a Highway Clean-up Event. May 3 will be the annual Club and PRF meeting. Keleigh asked informally whether we would be interested in building and putting up more Little Libraries. She has resources for free or low cost books and says each box costs around \$50 to build and weatherproof. The number currently existing is in doubt so someone needs to ascertain the count. Someone would also need to establish and monitor each new box. Mark said the COVID response team is still "sitting" on about \$25,000 which needs to be spent so we need to come up with creative ideas.

**Adjourned:** 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Eleanor Wood Ramage  
SPCP Club Secretary