



Eugene Delta Rotary Board Meeting
October 19, 2022

Attendees: Chris Walton, President, Cherie Curzon, Past President, Curtis Diama, President Elect, Gael Coyle, Secretary, Terri Baker, Club Service, Susan Blane, Membership, Laurie Powers, Treasurer, Tony Devico, The Rotary Foundation, Andrea Voorhees, Program Content, & Beth Sheehan, Community Service.

Submitted by Gael Coyle

All members voted to approve August minutes.

New Business: Jeannie resigned from the board and from Rotary. Chris nominated Beth Sheehan to fill the term of the vacancy ending July 1, 2024. All board members voted to select Beth to the board. She will be the Director for Community Services. If Beth would like to stay on the board after the term of the vacancy, there would need to be a club election. Effective July 1, 2023 there will be two vacancies. Margie Anderson will complete her term on June 30, 2023 and Bruce Hight's position would have ended June 30, 2023. He resigned December 2021 and Beth filled the vacancy from January 2022 to July 2022. His position is still vacant. Chris nominated Kim Meyers to fill the vacancy. He will reach out to her. Chris will meet with members of the nomination committee after this meeting.

Hosea Meal Group: The board voted to approve a budget line of \$720. per year for the Hosea Meal Group. Gael shared that often we purchase ingredients for salad, dressing, salsa, and fruit. We will continue to request food from the Mission, but they do not have as much food to donate as they have in the past. Gael will check with Beth or other employees of the Mission to ask about food they have available so that meals for Hosea can be planned accordingly.

Treasurers Report: Laurie sent the treasurer reports via email prior to the meeting. Twenty members have delinquent dues. Five of those members have resigned from the club.

Laurie suggested raising membership dues and giving members who pay by June 30th a discount. The funds from the golf tournament have been completed with \$1049.49 going to our Scholarship Foundation.

Director Reports:

Beth, Community Service: Beth shared that there are two district grants from 20-21 to close out. She closed out one and Kim Meyers is closing out the other from Hosea Youth Services. She suggested that we partner with the Mission in the KEZI toy drop. Each year the Mission receives huge amounts of toys and sets up a toy area for families to come and get toys. There is a massive toy selection, and this is overwhelming to the families. Beth recommends that we jointly fulfill toy requests between the toy drop and Christmas. Terri Baker mentioned the 20-30 Club Christmas gift wish tree and suggested we partner with them. Terri will send the name of the 20-30 Club President to Beth.

Gael asked about the Every Child Lane County Request. Associate Director, Jennifer Brown, emailed on August 29 to Chris, Cherie, and Jeannie. There were three asks in the email. 1) Trunk or Treat for October 29, 2) Visitation room make over, and 3) Foster Parent Night Gift Card. Curtis reported that there are many trick or treat opportunities in town and felt that the Foster Night Out might be more beneficial. Both Cherie and Curtis commented that it is good to include a service component as well as writing checks. The board agreed to fund \$1000 to the Foster Night Out Program. Beth suggested that we help with the new classroom at Hosea. We could go in and scrub the floor and wipe down the room.

[Who We Are - Lane County Oregon Lane County Oregon \(everychildlane.org\)](http://everychildlane.org)

Andrea Voorhees Club Programs: In Zoom Chat Box. “The programs committee has done a great job and we have speakers scheduled through most January dates and half of February 2023. We’ve started scheduling some “industry speakers” and the first one is on 1/27/23 on Real Estate.”

Susan Blane, Membership: Curtis handed off the membership files to Susan last Friday and Gael gave Susan the Recognition Pins for years in Rotary, the list of members who will receive pins, and directions. Susan will take over the recognition program and members will be given pins on October 28. Curtis will share video from Chris Waugh regarding a recent membership meeting. It has ideas of best practices to increase membership and engagement. Curtis asked if there were any plans for a Christmas social. Gael asked about a show at the Shedd like Beth arranged in previous years. Beth looked it up and they do not have a Christmas show this year. Curtis mentioned the Camp Harlow lodge.

Terri Baker, Club Service/Admin: No report.

Margie Anderson, Public Image/Relations: Not present.

Tony Devico, The Rotary Foundation (TRF): Tony shared Polio Plus Month.

New Business:

Grant Process: Chris started a conversation regarding the grant process. He asked how we disperse money, what is our participation, where are we going, etc. There were discussions regarding board approval, transparency, and input from the membership. Terri asked if there was a requirement for our club to put money into grants. Beth explained that there is not a district or Rotary International requirement that clubs put money in for grants. Gael shared that there is an agreement with the other 8 clubs in our area that each club pays \$1000 each year. The clubs are part of the South Valley Rotary Grant Committee (SVRGC). SVRGC is made up of Eugene Airport, Springfield Twin Rivers, Springfield, Cottage Grove, Emerald Valley, Eugene Metro, Southtowne, Delta, and Eugene. There is a rotation of the clubs and each year a different club can apply for a global grant and each of the other 7 clubs contributes \$1000 toward the grant. Beth stated that this agreement with SVRGC can change. It is not a formal binding contract. Terri shared that she would like to support local projects. Gael stated that District

grants can be for local projects. In fact, during the past few years we submitted grants for the Mission and for Hosea Youth Services.

Kim Meyers submitted a district grant to support the Grants Pass Grant for medical supplies for the Ukraine. Kim emailed board members and wrote, "I am requesting that the Board please weigh in on this issue and let me know if once approved we can send the \$5,000, knowing we will receive the \$3,000 soon. Also, be willing to cover the full cost if the grant is not approved."

A board member stated at the meeting that Kim was asking us to send the money for the project before the grant was approved. Gael explained that Kim did not ask for the money to be sent prior to the grant's approval (see emailed dated October 7). Kim specifically asked, if once approved can we send the \$5,000. Curtis and Chris said that this was not how they interpreted what she asked. Cherie stated that we would not be following grant procedure and it could leave our club in a difficult situation if we sent the money prior to receiving district funds. In addition, we are required to report and keep receipts. Chris asked if the grant was approved, and Gael responded that she did not know. Based on Chris, Curtis, and Cherie's comments our club will not send the money prior to receiving money from the district. Although, it is expected that the grant will be approved, if for some reason it is not approved, the board will then address Kim's request to send the \$5,000.

Beth reported that in 2012 our club gave authority to the person representing Eugene Delta to commit funds toward a grant at District Grant Meetings. It is common at District Grant meetings that clubs who requested Grants do not have all the money they need to fund their projects. People/clubs attending the meeting are often asked to contribute to other clubs' grants. Cherie wrote in the chat that we need a grant chair. Gael shared that we had a grant committee that last two years and there was a chair.

Chris stated that he agreed to fund \$1500 to the Corvallis Sanitation Project Grant and in addition, gave Beth permission to commit \$500 during the Grant meeting on Saturday, October 15 for the Ukraine. He will discuss this further later.

Next Board Meeting: Chris would like to have a two-hour meeting the first week in November. Laurie will be out of town. Chris asked if we could meet at the evening of our regularly scheduled board meeting on November 16. Curtis asked Chris to send a message to board members regarding meeting dates for November.