



Eugene Delta Rotary Board Meeting

Zoom- 12:00 – 1:15: February 16, 2022

Attendees: Cherie Curzon, President, Kim Meyers, Past President, Chris Walton, President Elect, Gael Coyle, Secretary, Curtis Diama, Membership Director, Jeannie Sterry, Community Service Director, Terri Baker, Club Services Director, Belynda Poissant, Club Programs, & Beth Sheehan, Youth Service Director

Submitted by Gael Coyle

Minutes from January were approved. Gael sent the minutes to members on January 20 via email and again on Thursday, February 15 as a review.

Treasurers Report: Laurie was not present. Treasurer reports were submitted via e-mail. Terri requested that reports be sent in advance so that members have time to review them before the meetings. Gael asked how much money was budgeted for Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) so she can determine how many students we will fund. We paid for four slots in 2019. Kim will check. We need to send the payment to Mary Hoskins, Camp Director. Curtis reported that Curtis & Janet Brown needed to be removed from the Dues list. Curtis asked about Greg Vik's dues and Kim said she had spoken to him, and he is working on a payment plan. Gael will email Laurie the list of members so she can compare it to her dues list.

Director Reports:

Jeannie, Community Service: Jeannie emailed her notes to Cherie. Cherie sent them out before the meeting. The goal is to have one service project per month. We do not have anything scheduled for June, August, and September.

Jeannie asked for a date for Positive Community Kitchen (PCK). Chris, Laurie, and Jeannie are on the committee and need to meet to discuss dates. Megan Richter, Executive Director, will be our Club speaker on March 4. The new quarter for PCK will begin then. Chris recommended that a meeting with the new members be held after the March 4th meeting to kick off the new quarter. Someone suggested to send the new members an email. Gael volunteered to send new members an email and asked the definition of a new member. Cherie said it was in the email that she originally sent out. She will forward the email to Chris. Chris packed salads at PCK and thought it might be a good activity for Eugene Delta.

Jeannie suggested **Give-A-Sock** as a service opportunity. She discussed with Serena Christian, the organization's Director. She suggested that we could get together at the Mission and stuff socks with necessities for people who are homeless. The Give-A-Sock organization delivers stuffed socks to different homeless areas. Beth shared that many organizations in town are trying to bring unhoused people in off the streets and provide case managers and services to help them improve their lives. These organizations are putting emphasis on relationally services rather than transactional. Providing food and other necessities to Homeless camps facilitates the growth and expansion of camps and does not encourage improving life's circumstances without

combined services. Beth suggested that we could provide the socks to people at Hosea Youth Services who are receiving other assistance. Jeannie will check with Serena.

Giveasock.org

Gael asked about the location for the Blood Drive on the fifth Friday, July 29. Kim shared that Carisa Hettich checked the Lutheran Church and the Mission. The Mission location was selected because there are plenty of outlets, air conditioning, and the rooms have ADA access. Rotary will not have a regular meeting that day. Beth said the Mission can provide an in-hand lunch.

During DG Kosanovic's visit on February 11, he encouraged our club to plant trees as part of the addition of Environment to Rotary's areas of focus.

Jeannie did some research and found three March opportunities with Local nonprofit, **Friends of Trees**: <https://friendsoftrees.org/when-to-volunteer-eugene-springfield/>

She suggested Tree planting opportunities on March 12th or 26th.

There is also a combined social and fundraising opportunity for Friends of Trees on March 16th at Claim 52, a brewery, 1203 Willamette Street.

Volunteer opportunities link for **FOOD For Lane County**

https://volunteer.foodforlanecounty.org/need/index?dir=DESC&orderby=need_id

Beth Sheehan, Youth Services:

Beth and Gael will talk about the status of RYLA and will share at the next club's meeting in the effort of saving meeting time.

Belynda Poissant, Club Programs: Belynda proposed three locations for Law Enforcement Day; Holiday Inn, Camp Harlow, and the Central Lutheran Church on Potter and 18th. The church has a great kitchen, big windows, plenty of room and it is free. Kim checked on the date of May 6, and it is available. The U of O softball teams are out of town so parking will not be an issue. Beth confirmed that the Mission will be able to cater the event.

Curtis Diama, Membership: Each one Bring One. Sandi will attend the club meeting on Friday and will introduce Mary Reilly who will be a new member. Mary is from the illustrious Mix Chicks, Liz & Reilly, 94.5 Mix FM. She is now a realtor with Windermere and brings a great skill set to our club. Curtis met with Mary and shared information about Rotary.

Terri Baker, Club Service/Admin: The hybrid meetings are going well. Curtis shared that he moved the camera facing the speaker last week rather than having it face the room. Terri will be on zoom on Friday so she will be able to see how it looks. There have been a few members who expressed dissatisfaction with the Mission location for our meetings. Beth reported that the homeless people have been moved off the street and the garbage has been cleaned up. Guests in the Mission are working on getting clean from drugs and the drugs available on the street are a risk to the guests at the Mission. At this point there are not a lot of affordable options for meeting locations. There are a very limited number of people (2 or 3) who have expressed

dissatisfaction and Cherie has explained the reasons why we use the Mission as our venue. Gael shared that out of the 22 people who completed the recent survey, 100% rated the food at our meetings as good to excellent, 86% rated the cost of the meals and the location as just right. Gael also stated that some of our older members really appreciate being able to take food home after the meeting. These members may not cook for themselves and bringing a meal home is a good thing. Terri stressed the importance of “telling our story.” Gael said that she would write an article for the newspaper explaining the reasons the Mission was selected as our meeting venue and share the recent satisfaction survey results. She will send to Terri for collaboration. The Newspaper will go out on Saturday, February 19, 2022.

Jim McCarthy reported that someone at the Mission asked us to bring plastic dishes if people want to bring food home. A Mission staff person was concerned about packaging soup since the cardboard containers would not work. Beth stated the Mission has vast amounts of donated containers and it is not necessary to bring them. In addition, Gael said that Jim McCarthy told her that the Mission hired someone to clean up so we should not clean up after the meeting. Beth said to disregard that comment as well. They appreciate the assistance with clearing the tables.

Margie Anderson, Public Image/Relations: Not present. Gael will send the newsletter out.

New Business

Member Satisfaction Survey – Cherie tallied the responses to each item and recorded comments. Curtis pointed out that 22 surveys may not accurately reflect the views of the club due to the small sample size. Numerous members contacted Cherie and said they did not feel the need to complete the survey, if they had concerns, they said they would let her know. She asked them to complete the survey to give us information to improve the club and they restated that if they had concerns, they would let her know. Eighty five percent of the 22 members who completed the survey agree that they are satisfied with the club. Ninety-one percent indicated that they were either satisfied or somewhat satisfied. When Gael compiled the percentage document, she only counted members who agreed with the statements. If she included the somewhat agree responses, the percentages would be much higher.

Donation to the Mission – The board decided to donate half of the collected lunch money to the Mission when we decided to charge for lunch at a previous board meeting. In addition to donating to the Mission, Gael recommended recognizing and giving a gift to the workers who prepare the food and arrange the room. Beth said that Trent, Jake and Phaedra are the people who make it happen. The board members agreed to get \$50 gift certificates. Cherie will get the certificates and make cards. Beth recommended Fred Meyer, BiMart, or Market of Choice.

Old Business:

Bylaws - The Bylaws Committee met and developed a plan to chunk the work. They will meet on February 16 and continue to meet every two weeks for 1 ½ hours each time. The new bylaws

will be much more condensed. The committee is composed of Chris Walton, Kim Meyers, Roxanne Gillespie and Claudette McWilliams.

Badges: The badges arrived and were used the first time at the Friday, February 11 meeting. Chris thought the badges looked better than the ones depicted by Russell Hampton. Thank you to Gael for ordering and preparing the dividers and file system.

Andrea Voorhees –Eugene Delta Board 2022-2023 – Andrea was elected to fill the vacant position on the board for Rotary Year 2022-2023 at the February 4, 2022 club meeting.