



The Rotary Club of Woodland Sunrise

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 10.14.20

Location: Zoom meeting

Board Members (P = Present, A= Absent)

President: Ramon Urbano (p) **President Elect:** Robyn Drivon (p) **Past President:** Wayne Ginsburg (p)

Secretary: Buzz James (A) **Treasurer:** Lynn Jepsen (p)

Board Members: Al Aldrete (p) Rich Sakai (p) Beja Springer (p) Dennis Miller (p) Robyn Miller (P)
Jim Odusola (p)

Others Present: Larry Peterson

(Notes taken by Rich S)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:19 AM
2. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Board minutes
 - b. Treasurers Report – See attached
 - c. Public Image report – No report
 - d. Membership report – See attached
 - e. Service project report – No report
 - f. **Motion to approve:** Lynn J **Second:** Al A
 - g. Unanimously approved – 9-0 (Robyn M was not present at the time of vote)
3. **Old Business**
 - a. **Password Policy**
 - i. Tabled until next meeting
4. **New Business**
 - a. **President's Update**
 - i. District Governor's (DG) Visit – President Ramon wanted to make sure the November 18th at 1800h meeting with the DG was on everyone's calendars. All Board Members confirmed their attendance (Robyn Miller confirmed later during the meeting). Details to follow.
 - ii. Member retention and meetings – President Ramon emphasized member engagement into the meetings through Trivia, Four Way Test, the Roundtables to keep members engaged. Rich pointed out that the Membership Committee who led the Roundtables are making this happen and is a team effort.
 - iii. Winter's Rotary Fire Victims Fund – President Ramon reported that \$2875 was raised by the membership which was matched and the check has been sent to the Winter's Club. They have raised \$125,000 and are providing direct support to the recipients.
 - iv. Local Public Image Efforts – Woodland Sunrise Rotary (WSR) was recently recognized in the Daily Democrats in appreciation for the club's efforts. Rotarian Dena Lawrence, Public Image Chair, was recognized for her efforts in promoting the club.
 - v. Rotaract Club of Davis Outreach – President Ramon indicated a contact has been made with additional details as they come forward.



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vi. Polio Plus – President Ramon reported this Saturday is Polio Plus day. This week Rotarian Dr. Keith Rode will provide the club with information on Polio Plus.

b. Donation Request

- i. Board Member Dennis Miller brought forth a request from the United Way to support the Imagination Library Donation in the amount of \$5,000. After some discussion on whether this should be a Club or Foundation request, it was recommended that the requestor complete the form for a grant from the WSR Foundation be submitted. The completed application should go to the WSR Foundation Grants person, Past President (PP) Larry Peterson.

c. Update on Club Fundraiser (Replacing Salmon BBQ)

- i. President Elect (PE) Robyn Drivon indicated that there was a video delay due to illness of one of the recipients of the fundraiser but anticipates the sample video will be ready by the end of the week. She is working with a videographer and indicated there have been some very touching interviews as they capture the needs of the organizations and the impact the Club's support of these organizations. The plan is to utilize Facebook and other social media platforms to get the word out and not the Club's Website. PE Drivon reported that some parts of the videos clips as well as any photos of Club community service activities could be used by the Public Image Chair Dena in her efforts to promote the Club. Wayne indicated he will forward photos taken by Rotarian Dr. Jason Wood who headed up the Yolo County Food Drive Community Service Project this past Friday. PP Peterson indicated he will set these up along with his photos from this past Friday for this week's Club Meeting. Board Member Aldrete indicated that in the future the use of a video to capture Community Service Projects would be helpful. Once the Video is completed, a specific date for the fundraiser will be identified.

d. Kenya Project Update

- i. Board Member Jim provided the group with an update of the international project in Kenya as they have contacted the club as it appears the COVID19 pandemic restrictions are being relaxed. The Winter's Club had declined participation and one of the Davis Clubs expressed interest. Unfortunately Duane Ewing, a past club member who had experience with these types of grants resigned in July, 2020 leaving a knowledge gap. PP Ginsburg noted that the last meeting the group had was on December 2, 2020. Treasurer Jepsen pointed out that there are Global Grants and District International Grants available. She pointed out District Grants are offered once a year. A club sends an application for a District Grant for pre-approval in May and the final application is submitted in June. This allows the review committee time to review and suggest changes for improving chances of approval. Those District Grants approved are disbursed in July and August. Board Member Sakai indicated every Rotary President who has attended an RI meeting all want to do an international grant including himself and indicated the grant writing, monitoring of the funds and procuring the funds is challenging. He also pointed out the impact of these grants are significant to the recipients. PP Peterson indicated that he felt the project is very worthwhile. It was noted that a smaller amount of funds was requested which did not qualify for a



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global grant. Thus, the program was expanded and the most recent request is for about \$30,000.

- ii. The original members of the group were Rotarians Ginsburg, Peterson, Odusula, John Martin Duane Ewing and Brad Miller. Having John Martin as part of the group is an advantage. The addition of Rotarian David Yust who is an experienced grant writer will add to the team. Treasurer Jepsen to provide the District contacts for grants.
- iii. The team is charged with contacting the Kenyan Team to let them know the status and to gather additional information to move forward with an assessment reporting back to the Board for a final decision as there was an initial commitment that we move forward with working on the grant.

e. Fall Seminar

- i. Deferred until the next meeting

f. Future Meeting Task Force

- i. PP Ginsburg nothing new to report. President Ramon reported that Rotarian Lynn Clark attended a hybrid in Reno and provided some input on the meeting from his perspective. President Ramon will send Rotarian Clark's email out to the Board as an informational piece.

5. Adjourn

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 AM (M: Al, 2nd: Beja)