



**Rotary Club of Oro Valley, AZ**

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes February 15, 2024**

### **Call to Order:**

The February board meeting for the Rotary Club of Oro Valley was called to order by club president Linda Stratton at 8:18 AM at the Holiday Inn Express motel.

### **Members Present:**

Linda Stratton  
Leo Lawrenson  
Rick Chimblo  
Gary Coxon

Steve Witthoeft  
Gerry McReynolds  
Jane Shurtleff (via zoom)

### **Others Attending**

Dennis Breen

### **Members Absent:**

Stacey Fox

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Steve moved for the approval of the January 2024 minutes. Rick seconded the motion. Motion passed. Minutes were approved.

### **Past President's Report:**

Postponing work on the strategic plan until after TOV (early May).

### **President's Report:**

- **Westward Look as potential meeting location:**
  - Nothing new to report other than what was presented to the club.
  - May need to look at budget and dues considerations.
- **BNI and Fashion Show Check Presentations:**
  - Impact will be presented on 3/7.
- **Upcoming Social Activities:**
  - Concert on 2/17.
  - Joint social with Dove Mountain at the Myers on 2/29 (fifth Thursday).
- **Second quarter donation:**

Second Quarter \$1,000 contribution to one of the non-profits presenting to the club was selected by the club – El Rio Mental Health (Youth).
- **Election for RCOV board:**

Election for RCOV board for 2024-2025 will be held on 2-29-24.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Stacey reported the following via e-mail:

- Club Account Balance: \$13,542.68 After committed funds: \$3,947.18.
- Foundation Balance: \$68,108.46 After committed funds: \$7,492.51.
- TOV Online Ticket Sales: 15 Tickets \$900.00
- Rick moved to approve the Treasurer's report that was submitted via e-mail. Gary seconded the motion. Motion passed. Report was approved.

**Secretary's Report:**

- Linda stated that she contacted Niomi but did not receive a definite response. Linda said she will follow-up with her again.

**Community Service Report:**

Stacey reported the following via e-mail:

- Community Service currently has \$11,852.82, after committed funds \$2,352.82.
- Our next Community Service Meeting is Friday, February 23, 2024, 7am at Stacks.
- Current ongoing projects are Speaker Book Collections, Edge HS Support & Trader Joes.
- Tim has received the Project Proposal Forms, once they are filled out and returned the CS Team can review and come up with a plan.
- Current upcoming projects are: Southern Arizona Book Heroes Book Donation, Veterans Support, Emerge Mother's Day Gift Baskets, Casa De Los Ninos Shoe Collection & Adopt A Food Item for Impact.

**International Service Report:**

- BALI SEWING PROJECT (**NO CHANGE**)
  - The Bali Sewing Project - \$1,000 is committed to the project and we are still waiting for additional information from Bali to release the funds.
- GUATEMALA TRIP & PROJECTS
  - Rick & Rianne, Linda, Sheree and Tim are all booked for their trip to Guatemala, departing Tucson April 9<sup>th</sup> and returning April 16<sup>th</sup>. This trip will be a Rotary Friendship & Service visit to the Rotary Club of Gualan and the village of El Jute.
  - GARDEN IN A BAG - Rick & Tim Aalbu are working with the RC Gualan to conduct this service project during the visit to El Jute. We have purchased eight (8) burlap sacks will be used for a test project with the children of the school in El Jute.

- PEACE POLES – Thank you to Jim Nook for acquiring the labels needed to place two Peace Poles at the El Jute School. We will take the labels in our luggage. We will acquire the 4x4 poles locally. Jim and Stacey have also ordered 500 wristbands with the World Peace phrase “*Que la paz prevalezca en la tierra*” to be distributed to the children of El Jute during our visit.
  - EL JUTE SCHOOL LIBRARY (**NO CHANGE**) - Rick has contacted 1) several Clubs in D5500, 2) the ICC USA-Spain members, and 3) the donors from the original Global Grant for El Jute to help fund the School Library Project. Total project cost is \$16,000. Two clubs in the USA and one in Spain will commit to \$1,000 - \$2,000 each. We propose OVRC commit \$2,000 from the International Service Budget and \$8,000 from the Oro Valley Rotary Foundation. We cannot apply for a District Grant until we close the grant for Edge High School. And, this project is below the \$30,000 minimum for a Global Grant.
- FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE BETWEEN D5500 & SPAIN (**NO CHANGE**) – This is being coordinated by the ICC USA-SPAIN. DG Don has informed me that only Cindy Dooling is available for the exchange. Spain is still seeking participants from their Districts. This RFE will most likely be postponed until Rotary Year 2024-25.
  - D5500 GUATEMALA FORUM - We are trying to create a D5500 Guatemala Forum to link OVRC with RC Pantano and other District Clubs and non-Rotary Organizations doing work in Guatemala. Rick and Eugene Medina (RC Tucson Sunset) had several discussions regarding both collaboration in Guatemala and attracting other clubs to International Service. On March 5<sup>th</sup>, Rick will be presenting “Adopt-a-Village” to the Eugene’s club during its regular dinner meeting. Pat Patton, D5500 International Chair has also agreed to help support the creation of this forum but there has been no progress to date from the District.
  - NEW GENERATIONS SERVICE EXCHANGE – The files of five outbound candidates from the U of A Rotaract Club have been circulated to the three Districts in Spain. The files of two inbound from Spain have been circulated to the five Districts in the USA that are members of the ICC USA-Spain. The Districts in Spain have located a Hospital in Denia that will accept one of the U of A pre-med students. We expect an update on the Hospital’s selection within two weeks. Kanita Olsen, President of the Rotaract Club has been “in-the-loop” through this entire process. For the inbound students, Idoya Pineda Botella

has drop-out. Lucía Morón Ares is being considered by Districts 5240 and 6000 in the USA.

### **Club Service Report:**

- **Programs:**
  - Sheree will be helping with programs.
  - February 22 will be Jim Williams from Oro Valley Historical Society presenting on his book about the history of Oro Valley.
  - February 29 will be on Donate Life and the Pickerell Heart Foundation.
  - March 7 will be on Impact with a check presentation.
  - March 14 is about OV Tourism and Economic Development.
  - March 21 is a tour of Pima Community College
  - March 28 is a TOV planning meeting.
  - There will be two programs on veterans in April.
- Media and Public Relations
  - Should have three Rotary in Action articles.
  - Nearly finished with all TOV printing
- Gary mentioned the need to prepare a final report for the District 5500 grant.

### **Foundation Chair Report:**

- Foundation by-laws are in process.
  - Started with example from Rick.
  - Will incorporate comments received and will redistribute.
- Dealing with Corporation Commission on Statutory Agent.

### **President-elect Report:**

- Attended PETS and found it to be more interesting than expected.
- Need to conduct a club satisfaction survey before July 1.

### **Taste of Oro Valley:**

- Questions were presented regarding insurance.
- Issues were brought up regarding the silent auction.
- Brewery has been selected.
- Liquor license is approved at the town and on the way to the State.

### **Open Business:**

### **Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry McReynolds  
Secretary