

**Pittsburg Rotary Club
Board of Directors Meeting
September 10, 2019**

Members present: Zach Adams, Jon Bartlow, Jerime Carpenter, Brett Dunbar, Pam Henderson, Angela Meyer, Cristy Mitchell, Johnna Norton, Julie Reams, Laura Samford, Marcia Sorrick, Marsha Wallace, Jeff Wilbert

Members absent: Bob Burk, Jess Hudson

Guests: Chris Wilson

Cristy Mitchell called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. She welcomed Jess Hudson as our newest board member; he is completing Zach's term. There were no additions/corrections to the September 10th minutes. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Jeff Wilbert

- Checking - \$1,015.34; Money Market - \$21,556.60; Rotary Leffler Park - \$8,771.43
- Expenditures: \$125 for Elishia Seals' conference registration; \$867 for dictionary project and \$61 for September meals.
- Three members have not paid the current year's dues.

Secretary's Report – Pam Henderson

- Total membership at current is 90: 77 active, 10 R85, 3 honorary.
- Attendance average July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 was 78% with make-ups factored into the number. September tentative was 76.8%.
- 7 members under 50% attendance requirement and have been placed on probation.
- Following bylaw update noted and will be considered for approval at a later date – At 90 years of age, members no longer pay annual dues.
- Presidential Citation update attached to agenda packet.

President's Report – Cristy Mitchell

- Thanked Elishia Seals for attending district conference and for presenting on the Lord's Diner. Jaye Lowe said she did a wonderful job. Our club was awarded a Presidential Citation. We were one of 9 out of 78 clubs to achieve this status.
- World Polio Day is October 24. A check presentation will be made at the October 22nd meeting donating the funds from the card game. Jerime will publish on Facebook in recognition.

Committee Chair Reports

Club Administration – Johnna Norton

- Programs are filled into 2020 with a little extra being done for December. December 17 will be a service project at the hospital and community grants will be awarded. Working with Joe Dellasega on leadership and professional development program ideas.
- Community grants timeline: Nominations accepted 11/5 and 11/12, club vote on 11/19, board vote on 12/10 and club presentation on 12/17.

Membership – Zach Adams

- New member orientation for October 1 was cancelled. Only two new members so will conduct a luncheon with a couple board members. Next orientation will be in March.
- Another membership contest is being planned with monthly and annual award winners.
- Past guest list will be reviewed. Consider further explanation as to what membership dues and funds raised benefit.
- Suggested we give make-ups for bringing a guest. Motion was made and seconded to provide a make-up for bringing guests. Motion passed.

- Membership brochure needed. Template under the Rotary brand center.

Service – Brett Dunbar

- Dictionary project is in Jeff Elliott's care.
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing will be led by Santos.
- Bob Burk is talking with CHC-SEK about dates for the next dental clinics.
- John Rank is in charge of the Gorilla Grind scheduled for October 19. Registration deadline is October 12. Jerime will work with John to increase publicity of event. A motion was made to authorize \$20 to be spent on Facebook advertising. Motion was seconded and passed.

Foundation – Julie Reams

- 24 out of 40 matches have been claimed, which includes those making automatic withdrawals.
- Will get letters mailed out notifying members of their giving status toward Paul Harris Fellow distinction. Average per capita giving for the club is \$80. Our donations toward Polio Plus, the wheelchair project and the water project should help boost our levels.
- Working with Cristy on the district grant applications, which is due in December.

Public Relations – Jerime Carpenter

- Appreciates Stephanie Potter help with Facebook. Post engagement is up 350%. We need to publicize our activities and speakers more and tag respective businesses.

Rotaract

- Monica Angeles has volunteered her daughter to spearhead the club. Elishia met two PSU students at district conference who are RYLA graduates and invited them to our club meetings and to engage in Rotaract.

Youth Services – Elishia Seals

- Kyle Edmondson from Columbus is registered for RYLA. Elishia spoke with Pittsburg High and Gabby Centeno-Ramos and Sarai Perez are registering to attend.
- Student of the Month: Colgan started in September. She is working with PHS on transportation logistics.

Strategic Plan – Bob Burk

- Reaching out to Joe Dellasega to assist with updating the plan.

Old Business

- Leffler Park – Ongoing process.
- Bowling challenge with Sunrise – Bob visited with Rebekah Lynch from the Sunrise Club last week about the idea of the bowling challenge between our clubs. She thought it was a great idea and was going to visit with a few people in their club about it.

New Business

- NJCAA Football National Championship Adopt-A-Team Challenge – Chris Wilson with the Crawford County Convention and Visitors Bureau presented the idea and distributed the attached information. A motion was made and seconded for our club to participate. Motion passed. Chris will pass around a clip board at future meetings for volunteers.
- Wheelchair Mission – As a club, we vote to done \$500 to this mission and \$500 to the water project. Cristy will ask members who want to donate personally to give Jeff money by the end of October. At that time, a check will be mailed in.

Next board meeting is November 12, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Via Christi Hospital Centennial Conference Room, 5th floor.

Meeting adjourned 11:59 a.m.

Adopt a team in the NJCAA Football Championship

Purpose

Area civic clubs "adopt" a team participating in the NJCAA Football Championship, welcoming them to the community, aiding them while they are here, and cheering them on at the game.

Expectations

A **chaperone** to help the team during their visit. This ambassador for the community is the program's point of contact for all things local, from helping them decide where to eat, to answering questions about the community itself. Expect to work with the program's head coach, athletic director, sports information director, and the school's president.

Someone to **coordinate hospitality opportunities** of members/volunteers, including:

- **Welcoming the team** when they arrive to their hotel and help them check-in. What this celebration looks like is entirely up to the civic club.
 - **Get to know the student-athletes and their families** by joining them when they are out in the community: dining, community engagement event, and the Champions Banquet.
 - **Cheer on your adopted team.** Signs & wave during police escorts. At the game, sit in the stands behind the team, wear their colors, have fun with their fans.
 - **Tell them you enjoyed watching them** after the game, regardless of the outcome, and thank them for visiting the area.
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Tentative Timeline (based on 2018 schedule)

Tuesday, December 3

Afternoon/Evening - Teams arrive at their respective hotels

Wednesday, December 4

10:00-11:00 AM - Visiting Team Community Engagement Event at a location to be determined

Noon-1:00 PM - Home Team Community Engagement Event at a location to be determined

6:00-8:00 PM - Celebration Banquet at a location to be determined

Thursday, December 5

2:00 PM - Police escort teams from respective hotels to Carnie Smith Stadium

5:00 PM - Kickoff at Carnie Smith Stadium