**Pittsburg Rotary Club**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**March 8, 2022**

Members Present: Zach Adams, Bryce Anderson, Monica Angeles, Jon Bartlow, Kip Bollinger, Jerime Carpenter, Diane Cunningham, Pam Henderson, Brian Jones, Johnna Norton, Will Norton and Jeff Wilbert

Members Absent: Bob Beasley, Elishia Seals, Brad Wells

Guests: District Governor Kevin Merrill, Lisa Merrill, Assistant Governor Sonia Larimore, Joe Grisolano and Mindy Cloninger

Zach Adams called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. at the Pittsburg State University Wilkinson Alumni Center. There were no additions/corrections to the February 8, 2022 minutes. Brian moved to approve the minutes and Will seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Jeff Wilbert

* Checking - $9,812.84; Money Market - $16,920.93; Rotary Leffler Park - $11,792.58
* $870 has been collected for Kentucky tornado efforts.
* A copy of the budget was shared with the District Governor along with the history of Leffler Park.

**Secretary’s Report** – Pam Henderson

* Total membership at current is 88: 70 active, 14 R85, 4 honorary. 12 new members and four terminated.
* Attendance average July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 is 60.8% with make-ups factored into the number. January attendance was 57% and February tentative is 49.8%.
* Presidential Citation: 16 achievements entered; only need 15 and 15 are completed. We need to keep membership numbers up.

**President’s Report** – Zach Adams

* Mid-America Presidents-Elect Training will be March 24-27, 2022 at the Holiday Inn in Springdale, Arkansas. Jon is registered to attend as president-elect.
* March 1 was the club’s 105th birthday and we will celebrate at today’s meeting.
* Need to start working on succession planning and preparations for the new Rotary year.
* In a coordinated effort with Pittcraft and Millers Professional Imaging, our club will be donating 20,000 blankets to MSNI for distribution to Haiti and Poland.

**Committee Chair Reports**

**Club Administration** – Jon Bartlow

* Programs are planned through April.

**Membership** – Monica Angeles (absent)

* Emily Walters will be on the tables today for consideration.

**Service** – Bryce Anderson

* PSU track and field was last weekend; March 16 from 10:30-12:30 is Salvation Army commodity distribution; March 22 is Lord’s Diner. CHC dental screenings were canceled.
* Upcoming events: park and trail trash clean-up
* Over 50% of the membership has participated in at least one service project this year.

**Rotary Rocks Out Hunger** – May 21 at The Pitt – Jon Bartlow

**Foundation** – Kip Bollinger

* Challenged the board to sign-up for Rotary Direct and donate at least $25/year within the next 60 days. Seven have completed the challenge.
* 10 out of 15 board members are Paul Harris Fellows. Plans to start the process of transferring points to help more members achieve PHF status.
* Suggested having members sign-up for My Rotary during new member orientation.

**Public Relations** – Jerime Carpenter

* Recruitment brochure ready to print when meeting location is determined today.
* In the process of updating the club website.

**Youth Services** – Elishia Seals (absent)

* The spring RYLA session was canceled.
* Scholarship applications have been distributed to the school counselors and our membership. Deadline is March 30.

**Strategic Plan/Women’s Event** – Johnna Norton

* A new strategic plan was completed at the beginning of the year.
* Women’s Event committee is meeting and plans are under way for this year’s event. District Governor suggested adding a service project under the theme of empowering girls.

**Old Business**

* Interest has been renewed in starting a Rotaract Club. Dr. J has offered to sponsor the university organization. Brian Jones and Bob Beasley will co-chair the committee again. David Weaver may also be a resource to utilize for youth activities like RYLA.

**New Business**

* New member application – Motion was made and seconded to accept Emily Walters application for membership. Motion passed.
* Community grants – Jon and Pam will discuss when and how to distribute the grants to the organizations. The board had interest in reviewing the process so that funding was not diluted among too many organizations.
* Meeting location – Ascension is expected to return to pre-covid visitor policies on March 15. Masks are still required in healthcare facilities, but it is likely we can return to dePaul Hall and utilize the east side door. For the first month, members will need to go upstairs to purchase lunch or bring their own food. Diane moved the club return to Ascension Via Christi starting in April without catered meals. Will seconded and the motion passed. Zach made a motion for the club to donate $500 to the Pittsburg State University Alumni Legacy Fund as a token of appreciation for allowing us to utilize their facility. Jeff seconded and the motion passed.

**District Governor**

* Kevin Merrill addressed the club expressing his desire to help with a service project or fundraiser. Reminded us to send social media items to Wally Bloss to share on the district site. We were his 64th club visit. Challenge made to update our city entrance signage and send him a receipt and he will reimburse the club up to $100; brochure provided for Paul Wise’s business to order from.

**Good of the Order**

Next board meeting is April 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Ascension Via Christi in the 5th floor conference room. Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.