**Pittsburg Rotary Club**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**August 20, 2019**

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

Members absent: Angela Meyer

Guests: Mindy Cloninger, Joe Grisolano, Assistant Governor Glenn Fischer, District Governor Rolf Hufnagel and his wife Gaye Hufnagel

Cristy Mitchell called the meeting to order at 10:54 a.m. There were no additions/corrections to the July 9th and August 13th minutes. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Jeff Wilbert

* Checking - $10,736.03; Money market - $19,701.58; Rotary Leffler Park - $8,428.71.
* Club membership will vote on budget at August 27 meeting. Rotary Foundation matching funds were raised to $2,000.
* 6 members have not paid their 2019-2020 dues.

**Secretary’s Report** – Pam Henderson

* Total membership at current is 92: 77 active, 11 R85, 4 honorary.
* Attendance average July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 was 72.9% with make-ups factored into the number. July tentative was 77.9%.
* Zach Adams’ board seat needs to be filled by the board.
* Bylaw update to add – At 90 years of age, members no longer pay annual dues.
* Criteria for the Presidential Citation has been distributed to the board.

**President’s Report** – Cristy Mitchell

* Reminded committee chairs to keep our goals in mind as the year gets under way. A list of goals was distributed to those in attendance and were reviewed by each chair during their reports.

**Committee Chair Reports**

**Club Administration –** Johnna Norton

* Shared committee idea to add a non-profit segment either as a meeting topic or through short moments at a couple of meetings in addition to a regular program.
* October 1 meeting will be on-site at PSU Nursing School.
* Community grant nominations will be accepted in November, vote in December and hand out funds at the end of December.
* DG Hufnagel mentioned connecting with Buster McCurtain for his professional development plan.

**Membership –** Zach Adams

* New member orientation sessions will be October 1 and April 7. Committee wants to incorporate new member bios to better adequate the membership with new folks.
* DG Hufnagel noted Rotary’s goal is to get to 33% women in our clubs.

**Service –** Brett Dunbar

* DG Hufnagel suggested doing a bicycle safety fair and handing out helmets.

**Foundation –** Julie Reams

* Letters will be mailed to members sharing their status to become a Paul Harris Fellow, notifying them of matching funds available from the club, online giving directions and how to donate points to other members. Club will match $50 toward a PHF designation up to the $2,000 budget allotment.
* DG Hufnagel encouraged the club to check our records for those giving over $1,000 per year. If they complete a form, they can be recognized by the Paul Harris Society.
* Apply for district grants.
* DG Hufnagel noted our club is currently giving an average of $83.97 per member.

**Public Relations** – Jerime Carpenter

* Plans to create an Explore Rotary event to promote the club to the public.
* Grow our Facebook followers.
* Utilize online sign-up process.
* DG Hufnagel noted using numbers in marketing materials tends to grab attention.

**Rotaract** – Monica Angeles

* Thoughts shared on how to revitalize the group. They included engaging Frontenac’s Interact Club and past students of the month. Monica’s daughter has stepped up to be the student contact person. Cristy is working on finding an advisor.

**Youth Services –** Elishia Seals

* We have a student from Columbus to send to RYLA. His sponsor is paying for him, so the club is still looking for a local student to send.
* Working for the school district, Elishia shared ideas on working with our youth.

**Strategic Plan** – Bob Burk

* Plan was completed in 2014. He will be convening the President’s Council to review and update the plan. A new club visioning process might be warranted.

**Old Business**

* Leffler Park – Jeff checking with Kim Vogel at the city on suggestions to improve.
* Bowling Challenge with Sunrise – Bob Burk will be organizing as a social event.
* Rocktoberfest – Jon Bartlow provided an update that two local breweries would be starting a fall event. The majority of the committee and board thought moving the event to the spring and rebranding it as more of a Lord’s Diner fundraiser was appropriate.

**New Business**

* Colombian Clear Water Global Grant Project – Zach reported on attending a meeting organized by Chantille Wooten of Joplin Rotary. They have raised $22,000 of $31,500 and the funds will go to schools in Columbia to refurbish their restrooms and drinking fountains. Each club is being asked to contribute $1,500 and one large grant is being applied for which will match multiple club donations, instead of each club applying separately. Donations will be accepted from clubs or individual members to the Annual/Share Fund allowing for the Foundation to match contributed funds. Discussion ensued about special request funding within the budget and the wheelchair project. A motion was made and seconded for the club to contribute $500 to the water project and $500 to the wheelchair project. Motion was approved.
* Rotary Leadership Academy­ – Elishia Seals and Laura Samford both expressed interest in attending. A motion was made for the club to pay $175/member for two members to attend this year. Motion was seconded and passed. Applicants must apply on their own by the deadline.
* New Member Proposal – Elishia Seals has presented Kat Benander with Big Brothers Big Sisters to become a member. A motion was made and seconded to accept her. Motion passed.
* District Governor Visit – Complimented us on the diverse make-up of our club members, our goals and the quality and quantity of activities we hold.

**Good of the Order**

Next board meeting is September 10, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Via Christi Hospital Centennial Conference, 5th floor.

Meeting adjourned 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Henderson, Secretary