**Pittsburg Rotary Club**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**January 8, 2019**

Members present: Zach Adams, Bob Burk, Lynette Downing, Brett Dunbar, Pam Henderson, Joe Leek, Becky May, Angela Meyer, Cristy Mitchell, Johnna Norton, Julie Reams, Jeff Wilbert

Members absent: John Clark, Kathleen Flannery, Laura Samford

* Bob Burk called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Bob asked for changes or additions to the December 11, 2018 minutes. Under club administration report, the last sentence should be, “At the January board meeting, we will consider additional honorary members” and be under the membership report. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

**Secretary’s Report** – Pam Henderson

* Total membership at current is 90: 76 active, 10 R85, 3 honorary, 1 leave of absence. Year-to-date: five members terminated and four new members.
* Attendance average July 1, 2018 to current is 75.3% with make-ups factored into the number. December tentative is 76.2%.
* 15 members were below the 50% attendance requirement during the 4th quarter of 2018. Eight are still below the requirement. An email notification will be sent to those on probation and the board will continue to assess each member individually at future board meetings and determine if any action should be taken. Those under 15% will be asked if they wish to continue with their membership.
* Michelle Ducre submitted notification that she would no longer be able to participate in Rotary because of work obligations. The board agreed to offer her a 6-month leave-of-absence, if she so wished. She declined and was terminated.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Jeff Wilbert

* Checking - $5,349.18; Money market - $23,952.02; Rotary Leffler Park - $8,078.31
* Meal charges for December were $35. Johnna will get an updated meal rotation schedule with specific dates for the Scuttle.

**President’s Report** – Bob Burk

* A suggestion was made to rename the Rotarian of the Year Award in conjunction with the Witnessing Outstanding Works (WOW) Award after longtime member Jack Overman. This award would be given to an individual or group demonstrating qualities of outstanding ‘service above self.’ Board discussed having a citation banner made to display the recipients’ names.

**Committee Chair Reports**

**Club Administration –** Cristy Mitchell

* A tabulation of how many votes each non-profit received was passed out along with proposed community grant allocations based on the vote ratio. Wesley House $400, Safehouse $350, YMCA $300, Communities in Schools $250, Ronald McDonald House $200, Fostering Connections $200, Boy Scouts $150 and Habitat for Humanity $150 for a total of $2,000 worth of grants. Motion was made and seconded to approve the community grant funding levels as proposed. Motion passed.
* Cristy distributed a local donation request form template (see attached). $1,500 is budgeted for local donations and those receiving these funds cannot also be a community grant recipient. The board had no objections so the template form will start being used.
* February 5th will be club assembly where Julie Reams (Foundation) and Zach Adams (shared event calendar) will present to the whole membership before we break up in groups.
* Club anniversary will be either April 9 or 16 at the Lord’s Diner. Cristy will work with Joe Dellasega on a date and the logistics. Rockoberfest cleared $2,846. The club’s donation for $3,650 will be presented at that time. The amount represents 10 days’ worth of meals as part of the Give 3652 campaign.

**Membership –** Johnna Norton

* Another New Member Orientation will be planned for February/March.
* Johnna is reviewing a list of guests who have attended to see if any might be interested in membership.
* A list of possible honorary members will be voted on at the February board meeting. If anyone has suggestions, please submit them to Johnna.

**Service –** Joe Leek

* Joe distributed the service tracking form to all the event chairs and is working on getting those turned in.
* Dr. Gina Pinamonti contacted the club to see if we would want to volunteer to help with meals for the Kansas Mission of Mercy dental clinic. Joe will be passing around a sign-up sheet for this April 26-27 event.

**Foundation –** Julie Reams

* Dr. Tawil will receive his second Paul Harris Fellow today. Jeff Elliott will also be receiving his second one in the near future.
* At February club assembly, she will discuss automatic bank drafts and online giving.

**Public Relations** – Zach Adams

* Zach is rolling out a shared calendar and sin-up genius for events and service projects. He will make the official announcement during club assembly. Zach and Jerime will accept all the event requests and set things up to make it as easy on members as possible.

**Rotaract** – Zach Adams

* No report.

**Youth Services –** Becky May

* Becky visited with Pittsburg High School administration and they will make certain to send seniors from now on. January students of the month will be Hailey Valley from PHS and Emily Dechant from SMC.
* Frontenac is unsure if they will do the 4-way speech contest and Sunrise is deciding tomorrow.
* Scholarship information will be out next week and she will make an announcement at the club meeting.
* Meagan Loudermilk will present at a February meeting about RYLA.

**Old Business**

* Centennial Bench – Zach found three styles and shared photos. He is checking with the city to see what company they utilized downtown and in the parks. Bob spoke with Jay Byers and they are fine with the benches being placed outside along the wall by the Lord’s Diner.
* Rotary signage at city entrances – Pam checked with Daron Hall and the city is fine with us replacing our signs with something similar in size. Ascension Via Christi will be used as the location. Pricing and design options were mentioned and will be discussed further next meeting.

**New Business**

* Celebrity bowling event – Julie Reams offered to help Bob plan this event. It was suggested we invite Rotary alumni so we could meet one of our citation criteria. The themes “Strike Out Hunger” and “Stars and Strikes” were submitted for consideration.

**Good of the Order**

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

Meeting adjourned 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Henderson, Secretary