**ROTARY CLUB OF WEST LITTLE ROCK**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**August 16**

**9:00 a.m.**

**By: Zoom**

**Prepared by: Bill Temple, Secretary**

I. Call to Order

President Roy Smith called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

Board members in attendance were as follows: Roy Smith, President; Nancy Leonhardt, Executive Secretary and Public Image Chair; Bill Temple, Secretary; Elizabeth Meyer, Service Projects Chair; and, Inez Reeder, Membership Chair. A quorum was not present.

III. Minutes

As a quorum was not present, President Smith advised that the minutes from the July 19, 2022 Board meeting will be reviewed for approval at our next Board meeting, currently scheduled for September 20th at 9:00 a.m. by Zoom. It is noted that the minutes from the June 15th Board meeting were to be reviewed for approval at today’s meeting, but since a quorum was not present, this will also need to be done at the September Board meeting.

IV. Financial Report

President Smith presented the following documents: 1. “Balance Sheet”; 2. “General Ledger”; and, 3. “Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison”. In addition, he stated that payments have been made for fall semester scholarships and that our Rotary International dues have been paid and are current.

V. District Governor’s West Little Rock Rotary Appearance

President Smith advised that District Governor David Menz had to reschedule but will now speak to our Club on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. We will have a Board meeting with Mr. Menz at 11:00 a.m. on that day. He will talk about his expectations of our Club and he will want to hear from Board members, so we should be prepared to talk about our areas of responsibility and let him know about the great things we are doing.

VI. Information from Board Members

Nancy Leonhardt, Executive Secretary and Public Image Chair, stated that our West Little Rock Rotary Club Facebook page is not being “shared” enough. She said this is a great way to get our message out to the public and that we all need to be involved in this process. She also mentioned that she is currently working with the administration at Terry Elementary to paint and furnish a “chill room” at the school. It’s purpose is to provide students with a safe and secure place in which to decompress from the stresses they face relating to Covid and a variety of other issues. She has purchased several items for this purpose and she thanked several Club members who have contributed to this cause.

Elizabeth Meyer, Service Projects Chair, advised that we have prepared “treat bags” for teachers and administrators at Terry Elementary as a way of thanking them for their service. She will deliver the bags later today. Volunteering at the Food Bank is a possibility for September. The Camp Aldersgate Fish Fry is scheduled for October rather than November this year. She will coordinate with Shannon Gwinn regarding the potential for assistance with a food pantry and/or a clothing drive at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Writing cards for nursing home residents is another idea for a service project. Finally, projects for December include the annual “Angel Tree” partnership as well as ringing bells for the Salvation Army. The bell ringing is expected to remain on the second Saturday in December at the Highway 10 Kroger store.

Inez Reeder, Membership Chair, reiterated that we need more members and that she is working on ways to accomplish this. She said that getting non-members engaged in service projects is an excellent way to acquaint them with our club and Rotary in general.

President Smith made the following comments:

We have had a good response to the “Rotary Traditions Survey.” With respect to the list, most members felt that there were only a few “turnoffs.” These include singing, fines, automatic committee assignments, no children allowed at meetings, and no cell phones at meetings. He will do an official tally of the results and report it to members.

The District grant for Terry Elementary has been approved for $1,850.00. The total budget for the Terry Elementary project is $3,725.00. These funds are utilized for books and field trips and each grade receives benefits from these funds.

There will be some changes with respect to where we meet. Beginning in September, our first Wednesday of the month meetings will be held in the DePaul room at St. Vincents. There are some physical challenges to this site, but we will make adjustments as needed. He said he is thinking about having two or three of these first Wednesday meetings at off-site locations.

In Program Chair Paige White’s absence, President Smith said our upcoming programs are in “good shape.” In September, we have Dr. Wright, Little Rock School District’s new Superintendant; Ebony Mitchell, Miss Arkansas; Andrea Lea, Arkansas State Auditor; and, Terry Cox, a former West Little Rock Rotary Club member. In November, we will focus on Rotary Foundation issues. It might be interesting to have Dr. Dillaha and Jim Hollander speak about polio. Having Paul Harris recipients speak about why this is important to them is another possible topic.

At our September Board meeting we will discuss how to move forward with the Red Apple Ball.

We need to decide “where and when” to have our December holiday party.

He would like to have a fall after-hours social gathering and we will discuss this at a future Board meeting.

Regarding the Jai Lambert “salsa project”, Nancy Leonhardt is in need of members who have canning experience.

He will find out more information about Roby Brock’s “Rahling Circle Market” and present the information to the Board so we can determine if this is something the Club wants to support.

Finally, Nancy Leonhardt will make a presentation about “DACdb” at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 24th, prior to our regular meeting.

VII. Attachments

1. Agenda for the August 16, 2022 Board meeting

2. Financial Report (“Balance Sheet”, “General Ledger”, and “Profit and Loss Previous Year Comparison”)

3. Rotary Traditions Survey

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.