

Portage Rotary Club / Portage Rotary Charities
Officers' Report – August 27, 2021

A Portage Rotary Club and Charity board of directors meeting was held Travelers Cafe and Pub on Friday, September 24, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Emily Turner Hollman at 7:40am and meeting ended at 8:55am. Members present were Kim Carr, Roy Dangel, Karen Foster, Dick Hewitt, Emily Turner Hollman, Randy Orwig, Jacob Maxon, Jen Maynard, Joe Romeo, José Santamaria, Matt Semelbauer, Mike Simon, and Mary Lou Wright.

Secretary's Report:

1. **Membership updates as of 08/30/21:**

Regular Members (active)	43	Honorary Members	5
Corporate (active)	1		
Leave of Absence	1		
Rule of 85 Members(active)	<u>15</u>		
Total Membership	60		

MEMBERSHIP INCLUDING HONORARY 65

Average attendance in September 55.85%

2. Minutes for the last meeting were approved via e-mail and distributed to the Club.
3. Roy Dangel expressed serious concern regarding the declining Club membership, that intuitively has been a decline of approximately one-third, as the Club had been shooting for one hundred members, and we're struggling to keep sixty. Additionally, the age demographics are disconcerting as > 50% of the membership is over six years old. Emily Turner Hollman noted that there is one new member application (Katrina Holt) as well as Honorary membership for the new Interact leaders, but it IS an alarming trend for the Club. The Board continued in a spirited discussion of membership and marketing opportunities and Emily Turner Hollman recommended that Jen Maynard and the Membership Committee meet to recommend some events or other growth opportunities. MORE TO COME.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking account balances as of 09/23/21

General: \$26,903.65
Charities: \$32,931.28
Interact: \$ 100.00

1. Joe Romeo will update the unpaid dues list, so the Club can mail statements.
2. Joe Romeo reported that Paul Carlson achieved his goal for the Global and funds were dispersed.
3. Joe Romeo reported the Golf Outing net proceeds was \$2,936.34 (less than previous years).

President's Report:

1. Chad Tuft's family will attend the Rotary meeting on October 13, 2021, at Traveler's Café. Roy Dangel made the motion to make Chad's step-son (Gary Blied) an honorary member of Portage Rotary; the motion was seconded by José Santamaria and unanimously approved.
2. Emily Turner Hollman confirmed with the owner's that Portage Rotary meetings at Traveler's Café is a possibility for future meetings a "temporary" location. She will prepare and send a membership survey regarding a potential move, and membership questions (see above).
3. Roy Dangel made the motion for Karen Foster to fill the open Board seat; the motion was seconded by José Santamaria and unanimously approved.
4. Starting with the 09/01/2021 meeting, Emily Turner Hollman will add a "Member Moment" to the agenda, whereby members will give a two-minute biographical background introduction; the recent presentations have been well received by members.
5. Emily Turner Hollman spoke with Nathan Triplett (Past Governor District 6360) who provided "non-legal" advice, as a result of last month's request from Dick Hewitt and Jacob Maxon that the Portage Rotary Club become the Chartered Organization for Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 287 that meets at the Chapel Hill United Methodists Church; as of 12/31/21, the Church would no longer be the Chartered Organization, but it would allow the Troop to continue to use the space under a usage / lease agreement. In his opinion, the risk to Rotary is nominal due the BSA Youth Protection Program now in place worldwide, the BSA bankruptcy protection limits the historical risk, and the BSA provides indemnification and liability protection coverage to its Chartered Organization. Lastly, The Portage Rotary Club has its own Officer's & Director's Liability Insurance coverage (confirmed with Chad Schuring). Roy Dangel made the motion Portage Rotary Club become the Chartered Organization for Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 287 that meets at the Chapel Hill United Methodists Church; the motion was seconded by José Santamaria and there were seven yes votes, one abstention, and the motion was approved, subject to a general member vote.

President Elect Report:

1. Ben Barber was not in attendance, and Emily Turner Hollman confirmed that he had no information for the Board Meeting.

Other Business:

1. No other business was brought forth to the Board.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 22, 2021, at Travelers Cafe and Pub.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: JOSÉ E. SANTAMARIA, CLUB SECRETARY