

**Portage Rotary Club / Portage Rotary Charities**  
**Board Report – December 17, 2021**

A Portage Rotary Club and Charity Board of Directors meeting was held Travelers Cafe and Pub on Friday, December 17, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Emily Turner Hollman at 7:37am and meeting ended at 8:52am. Members present were Wm. Ben Barber, Chris Buckley, Roy Dangel, Karen Foster, Emily Turner Hollman, Jen Maynard, Jacob Maxon, Randy Orwig, José Santamaria, Matt Semelbauer, and Mary Lou Wright. Online attendance: Kim Carr, Dick Hewitt, and Mike Simon.

**Secretary's Report:**

1. **Membership updates as of 12/29/2021:**

Regular Members (active)	37	Honorary Members	5
Corporate (active)	1		
Leave of Absence	1		
Rule of 85 Members (active)	<u>15</u>		
Total Membership	54		

MEMBERSHIP INCLUDING HONORARY 59\*

\* Five terminations will be processed by the end of the Year:  
Camron Buck, Sharon King, Joe LaMargo, Scott McGraw, Amy Moon, and Tom Welsh

Average attendance in December 50.73%

2. Minutes for the last meeting were approved via e-mail and distributed to the Club.
3. Emily Turner Hollman again mentioned she contacted several members via e-mails and calls with no response: Cameron Buck, Vincent Keszei, Sharon King, Joe La Margo, Scott McGraw, Dan Melnik, Patricia Randall, Tim Summers, and Ted Watson; She encouraged Board members to follow-up as well.
4. José Santamaria reviewed the current membership roster; it will be updated prior to year-end to remove Sharon King, Joe LaMargo, Scott McGraw, Amy Moon, and Tom Welsh, all who left the Club in the first half of the year. The recommendation was unanimously approved.
5. The question of pre-COVID attendance was brought up by Ben Barber and would be researched by José Santamaria

## Treasurer's Report:

### Checking account balances as of 10/21/21 (Attached)

General: \$29,498.04

Charities: \$18,727.15

Interact: \$ 100.00

1. Joe Romeo updated the unpaid dues list, and a few names were removed along with José's list, so the Club can mail statements again.
2. Due to continuing probate court delays, Chad Tuft's family presentation at a Rotary meeting has been postponed until a future date. It was recommended that Club seek its own attorney to represent its interest in the lawsuit brought on by the museum. The Investment Committee. Chaired by Randy Orwig will make a recommendation.

## President's Report:

1. Emily Turner Hollman reviewed the current Board of Directors terms:
  - President 21-22 - Emily Turner
  - President Elect 22-23- Ben Barber
  - President Nominee 24-25 - Joe Romeo
  - Past President - Matt Semelbauer
  - Secretary - José Santamaria
  - Treasurer - Chris Cole
  - Director Term Ending 6/30/25- Dick Hewitt, Kim Carr (new term)
  - Director Term ending 6/30/24 - Roy Dangel, Mary Lou Wright
  - Director Term Ending 6/30/23 - Mike Simon, Karen Foster
2. Emily Turner Hollman thanked Jacob Maxon and Joe Romeo for their comments at the last meeting; Ben Barber moved for the Slate of Officers as proposed, the motion was seconded by Matt Semelbauer and unanimously approved.

Slate for Board of Directors 2022-2023:

- President 22-23 - Ben Barber
- President Elect 24-25 - Joe Romeo
- President Nominee 24-25 - Jacob Maxon
- Past President - Emily Turner Hollman
- Secretary - José Santamaria
- Treasurer - Chris Cole
- Director Term Ending 6/30/23 - Mike Simon, Karen Foster
- Director Term Ending 6/30/24 - Roy Dangel, Mary Lou Wright
- Director Term Ending 6/30/25 - Dick Hewitt, Jacob Maxon, TBD (**PICK TWO**)

3. While preparing the Slate of Officers and understanding the process for the vote, it was determined that the current By-Laws, last revised in 2015, need updating and correction. Randy Orwig offered to chair a By-Laws Update Task Force comprised of Chris Buckley, Roy Dangel, Jen Maynard, José Santamaria, and Mike Simon. With the first task of reviewing the current By-Laws and comments to Randy Orwig by 12/24/21.
4. Mike Simon recommended the Board approve an electronic vote for this Slate of Officers allowing those members attending virtually the opportunity to vote, Ben Barber moved for the electronic vote, the motion was seconded by Karen Foster and unanimously approved.
5. Emily Turner Hollman brought up the topic of a virtual auction in the first quarter of 2022; Ben Barber moved for Board Approval to hold a Virtual Auction in 2022, the motion was seconded by Karen Foster and unanimously approved.
6. Emily Turner Hollman and Ben Barber shared their thoughts on Visioning and Strategic Planning for the Club in 2022, and beyond. Significant conversation ensured and it was moved by José Santamaria that a “stratergy” for a Visioning process be developed by Emily Turner Hollman and Ben Barber with a target start date in April 2022 (allowing for return of “snowbird” club Members), the motion was seconded by Karen Foster and unanimously approved.

#### **President Elect Report:**

1. Ben Barber mentioned he was excited to develop a “stratergy” for a Visioning process with Emily Turner Hollman, and that implementation will commence with his term as President, and beyond.

#### **Other Business:**

1. Chris Buckley mentioned that Portage Senior Center rates were published for the Portage City Council meeting, and we should reach out to finalize the Club arrangements. Emily Turner Hollman will follow-up with the Portage Senior Center.
2. No other business was brought forth to the Board.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 28, 2022, at Travelers Cafe and Pub.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: JOSÉ E. SANTAMARIA, CLUB SECRETARY