**Board of Directors Meeting**

**February 8th, 2024**

**7:03 a.m.**

1. **Meeting called to order at 7:02 a.m. 8th board meeting of 23-24 Rotary year.**

**Roll Call**

**There was a quorum present.**

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| **Role** | **Name** | **Present** |
| President | Yolandea Wood | Yes |
| President-Elect | Lori Ehlers | Yes |
| Previous President | Libby Quinlan  | Yes |
| Treasurer | David Gornstein | Yes |
| Admin | Kevin Gederman  | Yes |
| Membership | Vacant | Vacant |
| International / Foundation | Mike Nowobilski | Yes |
| Service Projects | Mary Jo Nowobilski | Yes |
| Flags Committee Chair | Jim Burton | Yes |
| Exec Secretary | Catherine Taylor Yank | No |
| Youth Chair | Vacant | Vacant |
| Public Relations | Steve Stater | Yes |
| Secretary  | Tim Sipes | No  |
| Member at Large | Ray Rohr | No |

1. **Introduction of Visitors/Club Members**
	* None
2. **Announcements:**
	* Leonor Branch was inducted into the club on 7 February 2024
		+ She will assist Steve with publicity
		+ Jim will assign her to a flag team
		+ Yolandea is her mentor.
	* The 7 Feb meeting was a business meeting
3. **Review and Approval of Board Minutes from** **January 2024**

**Action: January** board meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the board

**Motion:** To approve the minutes

**Motion made by:** Kevin Gederman

**Seconded by:**  David Gornstein

**Motion: Approved**

1. **Review and Approval of Financials for January 2024**
* David distributed the monthly financial reports and reviewed them
* There is a request from Martha that the club pay the National Rotary Dues for the Rotaract Club ($105 total).

**Motion:** To pay $105 for our Rotaract Clubs National Rotary Dues

**Motion made by:** Mike Nowobilski

**Seconded by:**  Jim Burton

**Motion: Approved**

* The Youth Exchange District Grant
	+ $4,000 was approved for our exchange student ($4000 total with $1000 from our club and $3000 from the District grant).
* Nicaragua Water Project
	+ See discussion in International Service section below
* Annual Budget
	+ Yo passed around a Budget to Actual spreadsheet that shows what has been spent year to date and what is left in different categories
		- So far we are under budget
			* For example ahead on Happy Bucks; not spending as much on our food
	+ Yolandea is also working on revising the Budget.
* David asked if he could have $40 in cash to make change at the meetings
	+ We are losing 50/50 tickets sales due to a lack of the ability to make change

**Motion:** To have $40 in cash available to make change for 50/50 tickets

**Motion made by**: Kevin Gederman

**Seconded by:**  Steve Stater

**Motion: Approved**

* 2 CDs are coming up for renewal in April
	+ We need to have a plan for renewal
		- Do we roll them over, look at other options, and/or pull back interest earned
* Yolandea is going to talk to Carl Lurk about his dues



**Motion:** To approve the financial report with clarification on the formulas for the Dec total expenses

**Motion made by:**

**Seconded by:**

**Motion: One board member left early so there was no quorum for a motion**

1. **Past Presidents Report: Libby Quinlan**
	* Libby and a few others are going to other Rotary clubs to pass out flyers and promote the golf tournament in May.
2. **Presidents Report: Yolandea Wood**
	* Yolandea wants to get a team together for the Fairview Heights Rotary Trivia Night on March 2nd
	* The Belle Clair Rotary is have a Chili Day on March 27th at First Presbyterian Church on Royal Heights Rd. in Belleville; Cost $12
	* The Violence Prevention Center is hosting More Than Just Dessert on April 28th 6-10 PM at the Classic Cars Bldg
	* The O’Fallon Women’s Club is having their Empty Bowl Lunch on 2/14 from 11-1 at the Classic Cars Bldg
3. **President-Elect Report: Lori Ehlers**
	* Lori said that she and Tim are attending the Pre-PETS on Zoom on Feb 17th and PETS in Effingham March16-17.
	* She also went over the calendar – there are speakers scheduled through March
	* Still working on the board for next year
	* Working on next years budget
4. **Committee Reports -** Club Administration, Membership, International and Foundation, Community Service, Flag Report, Youth, YEO Report, Public Relations, Member-At-Large, Programs, and Calendar Review.
* CLUB ADMINISTRATION: **Kevin Gederman**
	+ Kevin said the Anniversary Dinner was a nice evening even though it was sparsely attended.
		- Traditionally, it’s been on the weekend between the NFL playoffs and the Super Bowl but that may need reevaluating
			* Start planning in Oct to get a better feel for availability
		- Mike N, mentioned that in the past they had mouse races and they were a lot of fun and something the community can be invited to.
	+ Kevin will talk to the mayor about adding welcome signs on the way into town and highlighting the different service clubs.
* MEMBERSHIP: **Vacant**
	+ New Member Leonor Branch: See discussion above in Membership section
* INTERNATIONAL AND FOUNDATION: **Mike Nowobilski**
	+ Nicaragua Water Project Restricted Funds:
		- Anticipated Nicaraguan Global Grant Project was discontinued. The club’s 11-01-2023 balance sheet listed $5330 in restricted funds for this initiative. The restricted funds included $1000 from O’Fallon, $500 from Swansea, $1000 Fairview Heights, and $500 from Waterloo Clubs.
			* The O’Fallon ($1000) and Swansea ($500) clubs asked that the funds be moved to the club’s Malawi restricted funds line item fund; total is $1500.
			* We are returning contributions received from the Fairview Heights ($1000) and Waterloo ($500) clubs; total is $1500.
			* Adjusting for the above leaves a balance of $2330, including $2000 that was allocated to the Restricted Funds line item from the International Committee’s budgeted amount.
* COMMUNITY SERVICE: **Mary Jo** **Nowobilski**
	+ The YMCA picnic table project (to put together) will be scheduled for some time in March
		- We are giving them $500 for the purchase of the tables
		- Erin Darche will be the speaker on March 20th and the check will be presented then.
	+ PCs for People Recycling event will be scheduled
		- Tim Sipes is working on finding a place to host it and provide storage for a few days until the items will be picked up.
	+ Looking at options for a $1000 “hands on” project
	+ A Rotary Garden Work Day is set for April 6th at 10am as a joint project with the McKendree Rotaract Club.
	+ Sleep in Heavenly Peace will once again have a national build day in September and there will be delivery days available that we can help with.
	+ The joint project with the Friends of Scott Club where Thanksgiving food boxes were prepared and delivered to the clients of the Violence Prevention Center was a success and will be repeated.
* YOUTH: **Vacant**
	+ Rotaract (Martha) – Nothing to Report
	+ Youth Exchange Officer (Catherine) – Nothing to Report
	+ Youth Exchange Councilor (Mike Mojzis) – Nothing to Report
* FLAG REPORT: **Jim Burton**
	+ Jim met with the Boy Scout Troop and they are interested in taking over a route for flags however school days will be an issue
		- Monetary consideration was not discussed
		- There are still a few things to work out such as reworking the existing teams
	+ There will be a flag work day for the flag team captains either on March 23rd or April 20th
	+ There was a discussion regarding invoicing and collection from sponsors. Having accurate emails is a problem.
1. PUBLIC RELATIONS: **Steve Stater**
	* Steve set up a website for the Golf Tournament with a link to pay to play. The flyers also have a QR code so that payment can be made easily.
	* The First Responders will be honored on Feb 21st and Steve will get a photo and press release out.
	* Leonor Branch is already posting on Facebook, he will work with her to maximize our exposure.
	* PayPal has $1100 in our account.
		+ Steve will get that over to Dave today
		+ Because the interest rate varies based on the amount of the transaction, just to simplify the process, a 3.5% fee will be charged for all transactions that are processed with a credit card
2. MEMBER AT LARGE: **Ray Rohr**
	* Not present
3. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (around the room)
* Kevin – Nothing
	+ Dave – Teacher-Hero Program needs a coordinator or the earmarked funds should be allocated elsewhere. Yolandea will ask the club.
* Mike – Nothing
* Mary Jo - Nothing
* Libby – Not present
* Catherine – Not present
* Tim – Not Present
* Lori – Nothing
* Jim - Nothing
* Steve – Nothing
* Yolandea – Nothing

**Motion: No motion made, meeting ended at 0805**

**Motion made by:**

**Seconded by:**

**Motion:**

**Next Board Meeting is Thursday, March 7th, 2024 at 7:00 AM!!!**