

**Rotary Club of O'Fallon Sunrise
Board of Directors Meeting
December 6, 2018
6:45 a.m.**

1. **Meeting called to order at 6:46 a.m. Held at Egg & I.**

Roll Call

There was a quorum present.

Ray Rohr	Linda Cowden	Kevin Gederman	Catherine Taylor Yank	
Steve Stater	Pat Ryan	Mary Jo Nowobilski (no vote)	Ken Hutchens	
Karen Garst	Cheryl Kennedy	Mike Nowobilski	Yolanda Wood	
Steve Comeaux				

Not Present:

	AJ McMillan (no vote)		
	Libby Quinlan (no vote)	Kim Sabella	
	Michelle Huffman		

2. **Introduction of Visitors/Club Members** –There were no non-member visitors. All members are welcome at Board Meetings and it counts as a make-up.
3. **Review and Approval of Board Minutes from November 1, 2018.**

Motion: To approve the Minutes for November 1, 2018 as written.

Motion made by Pat Ryan.

Seconded by Kevin Gederman.

Motion passed.

4. **Financial Reports--Pat Ryan.**

***Ending Bank Balance* in Checking as of November 30, 2018 is \$15,145.44. CD Balance (four) is \$20,584.92. Ending Balance as of November 30, 2018 in Unrestricted Funds is \$24,955.86. Motion to approve Financial Report for November 30, 2018 to be put on file for audit. Motion made by Karen Garst**

and seconded by Cheryl Kennedy.

Flag Collections are going well. Dues are paid up except for one.

5. President Report—Ray Rohr

--Ray and Terri had a wonderful vacation but it is always great to be home and thanks to Steve Stater for carrying on with the Rotary plans while our President was traveling.

- a) Status of Citrus Sales—Steve Stater stated that we will need help with the fruit pick-up at ACE Hardware on Dec 14, 2018.
- b) Mike M. needs donations for our Christmas Wagon of Fun. Kelly has found a wagon and the drawing will be after the Madrigals sing on December 19th meeting.

6. President Elect Report: Steve Stater

- a) Steve has the new web site set up in DacDb and running now so there is only one location necessary to enter club information. Pay Pal should also be working. Go to ofallonsunriserotary.org to check it out.

7. Committee Reports—Club Administration, Membership, International and Foundation, Community Service, Flag Report, New Generations/Youth, YEO Report, Public Relations, Member-At-Large, Programs and Calendar Review.

Club Administration: **Cheryl Kennedy**

- a) We have the large private room at the Horseshoe Restaurant reserved for Friday, January 25, 2019 for our Annual Anniversary Dinner. The Board chose a sit down dinner menu for \$10.00 per person. The club will pick up the gratuity.

Membership: **Ken Hutchens**

- a) Current Roster: 63 Active members.
- b) The membership roster needs to be checked for accuracy before December 31, 2018. To clarify from the December 2017 Board Meeting: *Jim and Denise Burton have requested a "leave of absence" for their three years in Germany, and wish to waive a return initiation fee. After some discussion the board found no issue with that.*
- c) There was some discussion about new membership initiatives in Rotary. More information to follow as Mary Harvey, the District 6510 Membership Chair, will be having a meeting soon.

International and Foundation: **Mike Nowobilski**

- a) Mike went to Mexico to learn more and see more about the Heart-to-Heart projects. He was very impressed.
- b) Malawi—This time of year the grade school children run out of food to eat and thus many times quit attending school when there is no

- food. Some friends of the Nowobilski's from St. Nicholas Church in O'Fallon have donated to help this situation.
- c) While not a Rotary project, a beautiful new Catholic Church has been built outside Mzuzu and continues to be worked on by native volunteers, even making the bricks. Mike and Mary Jo were very instrumental with that fund raising also. They are \$1,200 from finishing the building.
 - d) David Gornstein is still working on shipping books to Malawi for some grade schools which have no books. He is working on the various possibilities for shipping costs and has made good contacts so the overall shipping expense should be less than \$2,500.
 - e) Nicaraguan Rotarians are collecting most of the information needed to write the global grant for water in several schools. Kathy and Linda are in contact with the San Juan del Sur Club but slowly moving forward. There is still much civil unrest in the country which is causing delays.
 - f) Belize—Ryan Brown reported at the Club Meeting on December 5th that Josiah has returned home and will be back for a halo on his leg in a few months. He was fighting an infection in his leg and had to have a special trip to Shriners to get that issue under control. He is doing much better.

Community Service: **Yolanda Wood**

- a) Violence Prevention Center "Ladies Night Out" had a bit of a problem when they forgot the table for our Rotary Club. They are discussing doing something around Valentine's Day.
- b) The Christmas tree, purchased by Catherine Taylor Yank for the new event called O'Fallon Holiday Festival of Trees Celebration, was very pretty. Thank you to all who helped decorate it. The actual event, as a Fund Raiser to support St. Elizabeth's Hospital, was a bit disjointed.
- c) Fontebella needs to have the fence painted and the paint has been purchased. Now we need a date to do the work.
- d) There will be another e-cycling event in the spring.
- e) Pat Ryan suggested a Wheel Chair Ramp Project for a girl with cerebral palsy. Yo will check in to this project.

Flag Report: **Kevin Gederman/AJ McMillan**

- a) The new, beautiful shed is DONE!!! It was a BIG job!!! Thanks to all who helped, especially Kevin Gederman!!! There are all new keys for each Team Captain and the President.
- b) There still needs to be a few loose ends tied up. We need to check the old shed and the garage by the Bank of O'Fallon for "stuff." The Flag Boxes of information for each team need to be upgraded and updated. With some preplanning, this could possibly be a club meeting activity. NOTE: It was mentioned that our Club Closet at

the Township Building could be included in that cleaning and updating event?

- c) January 9th, at our Business Meeting, we will honor the Eagle Scout who had the Flag Shed as his Eagle Scout Project.
- d) We still need ideas for extra flag help, especially when taking the flags down—O’Fallon Jr. ROTC and the Boy Scouts have been mentioned. President Ray has also had some Shriner friends who have pitched in.

New Generations/Youth: **Michelle Huffman**-No New Report.

- a) Michelle is looking for someone to talk to the Rotaract Club about Financial Planning. Melissa Sterling is a financial advisor with Edward Jones and a new club member, so Michelle will start with asking her.
- b) Michelle plans to do the Speed Mentoring again next fall for the Rotaractors.
- c) Michelle would like to find some ideas to include younger children.

YEO Report: **Kim Sabella**-No New Report.

- a) Our Exchange Student’s English is improving with professional tutoring. She will be auditing most of her high school courses, so that will help ease the significance of her English deficiency. She is from Peru.
- b) Cheryl and Mike N. will make a Certificate to thank Jason Boone for his many years of hard work as the Youth Exchange Officer.

Public Relations: **Steve Stater**

- a) Steve has an article ready about the building of the flag shed. We will invite the Eagle Scout to our January 9th Club meeting to honor him with a service project award.
- b) Martha Eggers has written an article about the garden which is on the Web Site.

8. MEMBER AT LARGE/President Nominee: **Steve Comeaux** – No report.

9. PROGRAMS AND CALENDAR REVIEW: **Ray**

Note from Karen Garst, our Sergeant-at-Arms: She had not announced the importance of December the 5th at our meeting but wanted us to know it was the date of the Repeal of Prohibition!!!! Aren’t we lucky that law was changed.....

Calendar Review: Ray Rohr and Gene McCoskey—Gene is the new program chair.

December 12	--Business Meeting
December 15	--Wreaths Across America in O’Fallon Cemetery
December 19	--Madrigal Singers
December 26	--No Meeting Christmas Week

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January 2, 2019 --O'Fallon First Responder Recognition (to include retiring Chief)
January 3 --Board Meeting
January 9 --Business Meeting to include Eagle Scout Presentation
January 16 --Dave Thomas – USO Missouri
January 23 --
January 25 --Club Anniversary Dinner at the Horseshoe Restaurant
January 30 --
February 6 --
February 7 --Board Meeting
February 13 --Business Meeting
February 20 --
February 27 --

Board Meetings: January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, 2019.

10. Adjourn

Next Board Meeting is January 3, 2019.

Motion: to adjourn at 7:26 a.m.

Motion made by Cheryl Kennedy.
Seconded by Catherine Taylor Yank.

Motion passed.