SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY TRUST BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 18, 2025

The Meeting was called to order at 9 am by Dolly Farrell, acting on behalf of President Linda Arnold. Attending were members Clair Beckmann, Scott Mowry, Stan Grogg, Barbara Leazes. Also in attendance: Rachel Tritaik, Chet Sadler, Darrin Grotrian, and Paul Hawkins.

The minutes of the meeting of the May 21, 2025, meeting, were approved as amended on a motion by Stan Grogg, seconded by Clair Beckmann.

Chet Sadler presented a spreadsheet detailing probable Scholarships for the upcoming Rotary year. Five academic scholarships are probable including two that are funded by endowments created when the club gave $60K and FGCU and the U of Florida each gave $30k to create them.

Four Technical College scholarships are also probable, and it was noted we wait for each student to complete half of their hours before we fund.

Potentially the club will spend $12.5k for academic sponsorships and $17.5k for technical college scholarships to be funded by $6k carryover from this rotary fiscal year, $10k donation from Stephanie Rahe in honor of her late husband Bill, and $12,500 from the Trust Board. The Trust Board commitment will be voted on at the next meeting at which time the Scholarship Committee will make a formal request for funding.

Darrin Grotrian presented the Treasurer’s Report. The Vanguard fund balance is $141k The Operating Fund balance will be $6,347 after the $28k check is written to the Wheelchair Foundation and all checks clear. Scott and Darrin will ask for the $10k transfer from the club for the Wheelchair Foundation gift. The report was approved on a motion by Clair Beckmann, seconded by Stan Grogg.

Rachel indicated one person from the Trust Board needs to attend the Club Board meetings.

The preliminary Budget discussion was tabled until next month at which time the budget for the year will be discussed and approved based on Happy Bucks and Art Festival proceeds coming from the Club.

The Board voted to fund District grants to CHR and the Hati Grass Project for $5k each on a motion from Stan Grog seconded by Dolly Farrell. Beckmann recused herself from the discussion and vote.

The Board voted to give the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center a $250 grant on a motion from Stan Grogg seconded by Clair Beckmann.

It was noted that on the next Rotary Literacy Day, CECI on Sanibel will be the books recipient.

Stan Grogg provided photos of and a report on the Open Windows grant in Guatemala. The club gave $5k to fund water filters for 150 families outside Antigua, Guatemala.

The Trust Board recognized Scott Mowry for his service and dedication serving as Treasurer and a very engaged member of the Trust Board. He is appreciated and will be very much missed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.

Note from prior minutes not discussed but included fyi: The Trust Board wants to institutionalize a policy regarding transfers from the Vanguard Account. Generally, 3-5% will be transferred from the Vanguard account to the Operating account on July 1 of each year to supplement the funds available for grants

Respectfully Submitted,

Clair Beckmann, Recording Secretary.