

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

DATE: 10/9/2023

ATTENDEES: Geri Cicchetti
Penny Mechley Porter
Nathan Koble
Erinn Lake
Karen Staab
Norm Stark
Amy Swartzfager
Karen Tyler
Mike Zavasky

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order, 4:08pm
2. Strategic Items
 - a. Approval of Minutes, 9.11.23
 - b. Nomination to elect board member
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - d. Consent Agenda – Standing Committees
 - o Peacebuilder Club/People of Action/Service Projects
 - o RI Foundation Committee
 - o Fundraising
 - o Ethics Symposium
 - o International Student Exchange
 - o Strategic Planning Committees
3. New Business
 - a. Rotaract
 - b. Interact
 - c. Letter to Membership
4. Adjournment, 4:39pm

1. Call to Order with 4-Way Test

The meeting was called to order at 4:08pm at the Hagen History Center.

2. Strategic Items

- a. Approved by vote - Minutes, 9.11.23 (Motion: Norm/ 2nd: Amy)
- b. Approved by electronic vote – Nathan Noble as newly elected board member
- c. Approved by vote - Treasurer's Report (Motion: Karen S./2nd: Erinn)
- d. Consent Agenda - Standing Committees
Geri reported that the *Servant Leadership Scholarship* information was shared with local universities. One individual From Gannon University has submitted. Endorsed by the Erie Rotary Club, the District will select an individual for the scholarship.

Pints for Polio will be held at Calamari's on Tuesday the 17th beginning at 5pm. Rotarians are asked to donate \$20 toward beer and dinner and an item (\$25 value) for the raffle auction.

The *Rotary Youth Service Exchange* is being supported once again by our Club. Tatiana is connected with Fairview High School and an applicant.

A donation to the *Erie Philharmonic* has been approved for \$250 to support McKinley Elementary students' attendance at the annual youth concert event.

Member(s) of the *Rotary International Foundation* will speak with the membership at the next meeting.

Norm volunteered his backyard for the sailing race this summer to replace the Seawolves game as a means for further gathering.

Karen S. reported that plans are underway for the annual *Ethics Symposium*.

Strategic Planning Committees involving membership have met and discussions are ongoing related to new members. Geri has sent over a dozen letters inviting community members to join; Norm has personally reached out to several local individuals and Penny, chair of the membership committee reported that processes for induction are under review.

A reminder was offered related to the five avenues of service as membership *service* is a duty of Rotarians. All members are encouraged to serve on a committee or in an office.

Geri will review the bylaws with an eye toward *membership* and present further points of discussion with the board.

3. New Business

Rotaract and Interact need attention and support by local universities and high schools. Several members of the board will reach out to local schools and universities to generate or rekindle interest in the service clubs aligned with the Rotary Club of Erie.

4. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Geri. A second motion by Norm was made. The meeting adjourned at 4:39pm.