

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

DATE: 9/11/2023

ATTENDEES: Geri Cicchetti
Penny Mechley Porter
Gus Pine
Karen Staab
Norm Stark
Amy Swartzfager
Karen Tyler

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order, 4:00pm
2. Strategic Items
 - a. Approval of Minutes, 8.12.23
 - b. Voting results from Foundation Trustee
 - c. Resolution to include one Rotary Club Board Member among Foundation Trustees
 - d. Treasurer's Report
 - e. Consent Agenda
3. New Business
 - a. Solicitation - Attendees to the Pig Roast
 - b. Discussion - Refund policy
 - c. Update - Raffle for Hagen Event
 - d. Discussion - New fundraising ideas
 - e. Discussion - Sponsorships
 - f. Recommendation - Bylaw revision
 - g. Discussion - New board member
4. Adjournment, 5:15pm

1. Call to Order with 4-Way Test

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm at the Hagen History Center.

2. Strategic Items

- a. Approved by vote – Minutes, 8.12.23 (Motion: Geri/ 2nd: Gus)
- b. Approved by vote - Mike Zavasky as Foundation Trustee (Motion: Penny/ 2nd: Gus)
- c. Approved by vote – One-two Rotary Club Board Member(s); namely Karen Staab, will serve among Foundation Trustees (Motion: Norm/ 2nd: Gus)
- d. Approved by vote - Treasurer's Report (Motion: Penny/2nd Gus)
- e. Approved by vote - Consent Agenda (Motion: Norm/ 2nd Amy)

3. New Business

a. Pig Roast

Diane C. and Brevin will attend the gathering.

b. Refund Policy

Discussion concerning dues, meal allocations and club members exiting outside of quarters ensued. Past precedence related to refunds has been on a case-by-case basis. A decision to form an ad hoc committee to further review a refund policy occurred.

c. Raffle for the Hagen Event

Geri reported that ticket sales for the Hagen Historical Museum Event (provided by Mike Z.) would extend through the Rotary Meeting at the Erie Zoo on 9.13.23. The ticket will be drawn at the Erie Zoo after final sales.

d. New Fundraising Ideas

Discussion surrounded a BINGO event sponsored by a local vendor occurred. Karen S. will seek additional information.

e. Sponsorships

The Sisters of St. Joseph are soliciting support in their Celebrity Bar Tending Event. A motion to approve a \$250 donation was solicited by Karen T./ Karen S. seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Discussion concerning requesting and soliciting donations transpired. Members mentioned that the process could be similar to a grant application and include information about how Rotarians will be involved in the donation. The discussion will continue.

f. Bylaw Revision

Tom T. drafted a revision to the bylaws following the June 2023 Board meeting, editing section 2A related to emeritus status. A member of the Club for 25 years is in the position to request emeritus status. A motion to approve the revision was made by Norm/ 2nd by Karen S. The vote was in favor of the revision to the bylaws.

g. Discussion

Membership ideas were generated.

A Program Chair was solicited. Gus Pine agreed to the election process. A motion to approve Gus as the Program Chair was made by Karen S./ 2nd by Geri and the motion passed.

A motion to approve bi-monthly (twice a month) Rotary meetings was raised by Gus/ 2nd by Norm with all in favor, approved. The meetings will be held January – July, the first and third weeks of the months.

New board members were discussed. Norm will get in touch with club members reviewed.

4. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Geri. A second motion by Karen S. was made. The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.