**Rotary Club of Manassas**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**City Tavern**

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025 10:30-11:30**

**Rotary Club Minutes**

Present: Ab Basu, Luke Croushorn, Cheryl Dashiell, Willis Jones, John Goldwater, Ernie Newland, Jeff Brown, John Heltzel, Xiao-Yin Byrom, Robyn Williams

**Meeting Called to Order:** 10:38

**Minutes:** The minutes of 1/22/2025 were reviewed. Willis Jones motioned to approve, John Heltzel seconded. There was no discussion, motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The attached report was given by John Goldwater. Motion to accept the treasurer’s report by Willis Jones and seconded by Xiao-Yin Byrom.

**President’s Report:** Ab Basu asked President Elect, Luke Croushorn, to provide a report about next year’s slate. Most of the slate for 2025-2026 has been filled. At this time the Secretary and Sergeant of Arms are not filled.

The club membership needs 30 days to review the slate. The slate needs to be provided to the district by the end of March. The process is to have the slate to the district by Jan after being voted on in December at our Annual meeting.

Discussion was to keep any empty positions.

**Reverse Raffle Report:** Luke Croushorn shared that the extra help and assignments worked well. Everything was done by 11:00 pm after breaking down and setting up for Bingo the next day at the end of the night. There is a little more room for more tables, but the knights of Columbus have no more round tables.

It was suggested that next year we put more thought into the auctions in reference to the foundation vs. the club.

Consider grilling during the day vs. catering again. We will save about $6k if we do the cooking and grilling like we did in 2023.

Cheryl Dashiell mentioned organizing DACdb folders to save documents. In addition, work on getting more members involved in our projects for comradery.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership**- Jeff Brown shared that there has not been an additional meeting since their last meeting. They will develop a strategy for Commercial Membership and Jeff will contact the membership committee members to meet before bringing any ideas to the board.

It was suggested creating a sub group to work on onboarding and how to coordinate between the new IMPACT club and the regular club. IMPACT members can be on committees at the regular club level.

**Club Administration-**Ernie Newland shared that the committee has not met as a group because Programs are running well

* **Programs**- Cheryl Dashiell shared that April 2nd will be the Club Assembly, March 19th will be the Prince William County Police officers. We need a meeting for MCPD officers of the year in April or May. We need to invite City officials, Mayor, and give a cash award to the MCPD Foundation.
* **International-** Xiao-Yin Byrom shared her experience in India (peace, health, wellness) Xiao-Yin was able to give a few drops of the Polio vaccine to some children. The Rotary Club in India really is focused on health. Mothers feed their families before they feed themselves which is why mothers are severely malnourished. Rotary truly has a positive impact on the lives of so many. Calvary is the destination next year and Taiwan the following year. Our club needs to continue contributing to the Polio Plus Program. Xiao-Yin suggested the club pay two or three members to go to the Convention.

Ab Basu asked for a motion to have the club pay for about three people to register for conventions. Luke Croushorn made a motion that the **club pay for up to three registrations to international conventions** at the board’s discretion to encourage more club members to attend. Willis Jones seconded the motion. There was no discussion. **Motion passed.**

**Public Image**- Kris Evans, given by Ab Basu, is in touch with Potomac Local to advertise with them and plug our fundraisers. Kris spoke with Rotary International and DACdb to ensure our information is updated on their websites. Jon Tripp was not in attendance to provide a report about social media.

**Service Projects** - Cindi Kacer was out of town, no report

* **Literacy-** Cindi Kacer- no report
* **Impact**- Cindi Kacer, no report
* **Youth Services** Robyn Williams- Presented the “BIG Check” to the OPHS Interact for the funds they raised for ShelterBox in the amount of $1,500. The CTE Scholarship is ready to be sent to the schools. June 11th will be the date when the award winners attend our meeting and to present them with their scholarships

**Rotary Foundation-** Xiao-Yin Byrom included this in her report above

**International-** Xiao-YinByrom included this in her report above

**Other-** Bill Holliman- Bylaws need to be updated to include IMPACT.

Willis shared that the foundation board filled the two foundation board seats.

**Adjournment-** Willis Jones motioned to adjourn, Jeff Brown seconded. Motions passes Adjournment at 11:38