# RCM Board Meeting

Date | time 2/9/2021 8:00 AM| Location ZOOM

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## Agenda Items

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| Topic President Courtney Nuzzo welcomed to the meeting District Governor Harry Henderson and Assistant Governor for Area 10 Erica Brouillette. | Presenter | Time allotted |

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|  | Minutes January Board Meetings  January Board meeting minutes were not finalized and their review deferred till the March Board meeting. | Eva & Anton | 5 minutes |
|  | Treasurer /Task Force Update Financial review  Treasurer’s Report accepted  Bob Jansen thanked Treasurer Jason Gheissari and Assistant Treasurer Richard Golden for the transition to the new DACdb system. He suggested that it was best to share with the Board one basic report on club finances each month, detailing income and expenses.  Richard Golden gave an update to the Board on the recent security breach with DACdb that has resulted in the malicious use and compromise of some credit card information. DACdb is still not working for payments via credit card. The Board decided that we need to notify our membership as to what is going on. It is important to be transparent so that members can protect their credit cards. Richard also commented that Rotary does not provide insurance to cover losses of this nature. Members will be informed not to pay their dues via credit card through the DACdb system. Checks should be mailed to our McLean Rotary Club until further notice.  DG Henderson indicated he was not aware of this issue and expressed concern about it. He will look into the problem. | Jason/Richard | 5 minutes |
|  | Harry Henderson District Governor visit  DG Henderson praised the work of the Board and that of individual McLean Rotarians who hold posts on the District level. He noted that the District is poised for growth and that we need to find ways for our members to remain involved and engaged during this time of Covid. He mentioned some of the themes that he would address in more detail at our club meeting following this Board meeting. A detailed summary of his talk to the Club will be posted on our website. |  | 30 minutes |
|  | Flags for Heroes  Flags for Heroes (FFH) chair Bob Jansen reported that the FFH Committee is making plans to get ready for Memorial Day and July 4th. This is a joint activity with the Tysons Corner Rotary Club. As Youth Director, Bob is also working with local Interact students to develop a website for FFH. The Committee is also looking into having a speaker for the FFH Memorial Day event from the Pentagon in connection with 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War era. Bob is also hoping that Andrea McCarren, a former local CBS channel reporter and now with Penn Federal Credit Union, one of the FFH corporate sponsors, will play a role in the July 4th FFH celebration. One plan is to get her film crew to do a special on FFH and give this Rotary program some public relations. Bob is looking for more club member participation. He has many tasks that could use some help. This is a good event that we can do during the pandemic.  Paint Party  Deborah Jackson provided more details on a Paint Party fellowship and fundraising event that would be organized with an artist and her company based in Chicago. The latest quote estimate Deb has received for cost is $45 per person with $9.25 for shipping. Members would be sent a link to sign up and pay. The date has yet to be established but it would be on a Friday or Saturday toward the end of March.  Draw Down Event  Anton Dmitrov has started to query other clubs for information on the feasibility for a Draw Down event. Michael Holleran is contacting VA Commonwealth officials for an official response as to whether we need a license or limits on the cash prize.  DG Henderson suggested reaching out to Ben Hester at the Bailey’s Crossroads Club. He has been dealing with the VA Gaming Commission on the Club’s successful Mustang fundraiser. It is worth looking at their experience.  Chocolate Festival  The Festival was not held this January because of Covid. It is not likely to be rescheduled before June 30. John McEvilly will take the lead and Andy Briscoe, as Director of Club Service in the 2021-22 Rotary Year, will assist in planning the next Festival. It was noted that Occoquan is holding a Chocolate Festival now as a combination of virtual and in-person event, including an online auction.  DG Henderson praised the Board and the Club for its outstanding leadership and program activities. He then spoke about his vision and goals for the District, on which he elaborated as our speaker at the Club meeting that followed this Board meeting. | Bob Jansen  Deborah Jackson  Anton Dmitrov | *5 minutes*  *10 minutes*  *10 minutes* |
|  | Any Other Business  Foundation Issues  President Courtney Nuzzo announced there is a vacancy on the Foundation Board since Jan Auerbach has resigned from the club. She will announce this at today’s Club Meeting and request that any members interested in serving on the Foundation Board contact her as soon as possible. This Board meets quarterly.  She also announced the Foundation is holding a special ad hoc meeting to handle a designated fund request to handle a $5,000 contribution from Pamela Danner to MicheLo in support of the new school and clinic it is establishing in eSwatini. An issue to be considered is whether the club and/or individual members can also contribute to this designated fund. A suggestion was made that the Bailey’s Club may also wish to contribute the remaining $5,000 needed for the building of this school complex.  Grants Program  Michael Arietti and Eva Sereghy, who serve on the Grants Committee, asked whether the Club should schedule a spring/summer grants cycle. Michael noted we should look at our budget’s administrative expenses and also to check with the Foundation as to the availability of funds before we can make a decision about this.  A question also arose about how to use this year’s District Grant. May 1 may be the application date. This should be placed on the March agenda. One option is to consider using it to support the eSwatini school complex project and to get other clubs involved. DG Henderson suggested that we talk with Ronnie Chantker and others on the District level as to how this issue could be handled. RI may be discouraging multi-club projects from using these District grants.  Installation of New President  John McEvilly will be installed as President in June for the upcoming 2021-22 Rotary Year. Plan A is to hold an in-person installation, if feasible by then. Plan B is to plan for a virtual installation. DG Henderson commented that clubs will probably not be meeting face to face until November or December of this year. RI has just banned all official travel until June. RI Directors do not expect any change to operating tempo for another 14 to 18 months. The RI International Conference in Taipai has been cancelled and it is not yet decided whether a Zone event planned for Naples, FL in September or October will occur. | Board |  |
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## Other Information

Calendar Review:

June 8th Joint Board Meeting

June 29th on or about Installation President Elect John McEvilly