# RCM Board Meeting

Date | time 4/13/2021 12:00 AM| Location ZOOM

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## Agenda Items

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|  | **Minutes March Board Meetings**  March minutes accepted. | Eva & Anton | 5 minutes |
|  | **Treasurer’s Report**  990 APPROVAL  Michael motioned to authorize Richard to file the form. Courtney seconded. All in favor.  File Agriculture Report **RICHARD**  Richard said he needed to file this form along with the tax return. Richard said that previously Jan Auerbach tried to file this but unsuccessfully.  Jason said that the DACDB card payment issue was resolved. However, confidence has been shaken and the Board needs to set an example by resuming paying by card to incentivize the rest of the club members to pay by card.  Michael said that all the dues are up to date and that the club is in a good financial shape. He also asked when Richard was planning to send out the 4th quarter invoices. Richard replied that he’d be back in town this weekend and would send the invoices out after that. | Jason/Richard | 5 minutes |
|  | **Membership:**  Deborah said that Peggy Fox did not make it to the last club meeting, which would have been her 3rd attendance. No other updates. |  | 10 minutes |
|  | **Flags For Heroes**  Bob confirmed that all was going well. Meetings are held every week.  Michael asked about the organization the checks are being made to. Bob said that the checks historically have been made to RCM. However, Tysons club, for example, asks that the checks be made to their Foundation and then a letter acknowledging charitable contributions is provided to the payees for tax return purposes. Bob asked what would be better if there is a difference. The Board members, including John, Eva, Carol and Michael responded that the Foundation would be a better choice.  Courtney said she would challenge the Foundation to do letters online too. Bob said that the Tysons club is establishing a website for Flags for Heroes and is planning to provide an option to pay for donations via PayPal online. This might help track the contributions and issue letters for the tax return filings.  **Paint Party 3/27/21**  Courtney thanked Deborah for arranging the Paint Party. Michael confirmed that about $680+ was collected.  **Draw Down Fundraiser (Vote)**  Courtney asked how to solicit the vote of members in support of this fundraiser. Carol said that buy-in is important and we need to have close to 100% votes – not a simple majority. Michael confirmed that Survey Monkey may not be a good option as, historically, only 30 out of 50 club members respond. Carol recommended to send a letter in writing with a brief description of the Drawdown and requesting a response. Bob supported the idea.  Decided on a letter, email and follow-up calls.  Courtney will draft a letter, using a Q and A format; Carol will edit and send to the membership.  **Cornerstone fundraiser Great Falls Club**  Cornerstones is a nonprofit, based in Reston, that provides support and advocacy to those in need of food, shelter, affordable housing, quality childcare, and other services.  The Board unanimously approved $500 from the Paint Party proceeds to be sent to the Great Falls Rotary in support of its fundraiser for Cornerstones.  **Capital One alignment**  Anton discussed Capital One support for local service projects. He has requested brief descriptions of Rotary supported projects that may align with Capital One priorities for funding.  **GRANTS Spring Cycle**  Michael reported that he has sent summary information to all members on the four service project applications received for the Spring grants cycle. Voting will start on 4/20 via Survey Monkey. He noted that we need information from the Foundation as to funding available for grant awards this spring.  **District Grant**  Michael noted that District grant applications are due by June 1.  Possible candidates would include the eSwatini school/clinic project; eClub fundraiser for Project Rozana volunteers providing transportation to critically ill Palestinian children in need of medical services at Israeli hospitals; and one of our current grant applicants.  Bob Jansen reported that the Strategic Water Alliance is giving $2,000 to the eSwatini project spearheaded by Meesh Peters.  John indicated that the District is promoting a Youth Peace in Action initiative and is asking clubs to set aside $1,000 of their District grant requests to support this program. The District needs an answer by this Friday.  Carol made a motion to earmark $1,000 of the District grant monies to the District Youth Peace project. This was amended by Bob to also include that the balance of the grant ($2,000) support the eclub’s Project Rozana effort. Deb seconded the amended motion, which passed.  **Youth Peace in Action**  John will inform the District of the Board’s decision to contribute $1,000 of a District grant to this project. | Bob Jansen  Deborah Jackson  Courtney Nuzzo | *5 minutes*  *5 minutes*  *10 minutes* |
|  | **Scholarships**  Bob reported that the Scholarship Committee is interviewing three candidates today.  Courtney will meet with John on Friday, April 16 at noon at the Lewinsville to consider its new outdoor space as a possible venue for John’s installation. Others are welcome to join them to view the area. |  |  |
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## Other Information

Calendar Review:

Memorial Day Flags for Heros

June 8th Joint Board Meeting

June 29th on or about Installation President Elect John McEvilly