

ROTARY CLUB OF CINCINNATI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

MINUTES

October 13, 2016

5:00 p.m.

Terracon Conference Room

Jack Scott, President

MEMBERS:

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| Jack Scott, President | P | Julie Poyer | P |
| Dave Carlin, Secr/Treasurer | P | Giff Blaylock | P |
| Don Keller, Foundation President | P | Janet Metzelaar | P |
| Bud Dornette, Past President | P | Jocile Erlich | P |
| Al Koncius, President-Elect | P | Rick Flynn | P |
| Marc Horwitz | E | Chris Pfetzer | A |
| Mary Beth Poulimenos | E | Deborah Schultz | P |

Also Present: Linda Muth, Executive Director, and Todd Kist, Finance Committee Co-Chair-Audit

Call to Order

President Jack Scott called the meeting to order at 5:22 p.m.

Rick Flynn presented the financial statements as reviewed by Clark Schaefer Hackett and approved by the Finance Committee at their meeting last week.

Motion Approved: that the June 30, 2016 financial statements be received.

Dave Carlin presented the September 2016 financial statements.

Motion Approved: that the September 2016 financial statements be received.

Approval of Minutes

Motion Approved: that the minutes of the September, 2016, meeting be approved with the deletion of Ken Keller's termination for unpaid dues as this was included in error.

Concerning Membership: Classification Committee Report

NEW PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP

Motion Approved: that the following new proposals for membership be approved.

HUFFMAN, Neal W. * Active
Line of Business : Banking
Mortgage Specialist
Republic Bank
Sponsors (s) : Lynne Cole/Rick Flynn

KESSINGER, Charmaine M. *Active
Line of Business : Human Services, Child & Adolescent
Executive Director
Autism Society of Greater Cincinnati

Sponsor(s) : Sue Radabaugh

NOTESTINE, Carol W.

*Active

Line of Business : Services, Personal
Director

Performer's Voice Studio

Sponsor(s) : Shirley Love/Janet Burns

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABENCE

Motion Approved: That the following request for a Leave of Absence be approved:

GRANT, Rick

Status: Active – YP

Line of Business: Clubs

Joined: 11/21/2014

President Report

A lengthy discussion took place regarding Senior Active Status for membership and the negative impact it has on our financial status when members in their 40s opt for Senior Active Status. Linda Muth explained that in the past, members rarely asked to become Senior Active until they retired. With members now opting for this status as young as 40 because of their length of time in the club, it is having a significant impact on the club's finances. Jack Scott felt it would be unfair to alter the membership status of current Senior Active members. It was also a concern as to what was the appropriate age of members and length of tenure in Rotary.

Motion Approved: That the qualifications of Senior Active Status be updated in the Club Bylaws to the following qualifications: age 65 or over with 15 years of membership in any Rotary International Club.

The topic of Honorary Memberships was discussed. Many board members felt we should expand the number of Honorary Members to include political figures and leaders in the arts. Other board members felt that those who were given honorary membership in the club did something special for the club or foundation. Dave Carlin was going to meet with Jocile Erlich, Rick Flynn, and Bud Dornette and report back with recommendations to the board at the next meeting.

Executive Director Report

Linda Muth updated the board on the various activities the Rotary Office and club members were involved in for the Zone Institute this week, including transportation, entertainment, hospitality suite, and the John Germ luncheon.

Linda asked if anyone had a suggestion for an article for District Newsletter. Dave Carlin suggested Sam Schutte and/or Mary Beth Poulimenos should write one on the Wage Cincy Peace weekend events. He agreed to follow-up with them to request an article.

Committee/Director Reports

Bud Dornette – Club Executive Matters

Bud Dornette reported on the nominating committee. He presented the following slate of board candidates:

Bryan Vielhauer
Janet Burns
Drew Emmert
Secretary-Treasurer – Dave Carlin
President-Nominee – Rick Flynn
President – Al Koncius

Motion Approved: that October 27, 2016 will serve as the annual meeting of the Rotary Club of Members.

Dave Carlin – Membership Development

Dave Carlin reported that we have a prospective member event on Tuesday and a prospective member luncheons on October 20, 2016, and December 10, 2016, Jim Scott.

Giff Blaylock brought up the idea of having \$10 Prospective Member lunches at all meetings. The concern was the cost and the fact that some members took advantage to bring friends who were not truly prospects. After lengthy discussion, this topic was sent back to the Membership Development Committee for further discussion and Dave Carlin agreed to share the topic with Rich Dineen, the Membership Development Chair.

Giff Blaylock – Club Operations

Strategic Plan – Susan Wilkinson, Jack Scott, Al Koncius and Giff met to discuss Strategic Planning for the Club. It has been decided to re-engage Kathy DeLaura to facilitate the process.

Presidential Citation – Giff shared the Clubs must achieve 3 of the foundation giving goals as listed in the RI Presidential Citation brochure. Rick Flynn agreed to make a donation to RI to assist the club in meeting its foundation giving goals.

Julie Poyer – Women 2 Women

Women 2 Women – Making Strides Against Cancer Walk is October 22, 2016. Julie would like to have a pin given to Michelle Devine for her efforts on this event. We are about \$700 way from the goal of raising \$3500. Michelle has raised \$1,600+ herself. Linda Muth asked about the Habitat for Humanity event and Julie said that she had trouble with communications with the organization. Jocile Erlich said she would assist in getting something worked out for a future event with them.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Rick Flynn discussed the New Member Project (see full details in the committee member reports).

Adjournment

There being no further business:

Motion approved: that the meeting be adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Jack Scott
President

Linda Muth
Executive Director

DIRECTOR SUBMITTED WRITTEN REPORTS

Marc Horwitz (Club Meetings) – No Report Received.

Rick Flynn (Club Membership)

New Member Orientation – Next New Member Orientation Meeting – October 27th.

New Member Project – Rick shared an updated on the project he received from Claudia Cagle. She is chairing the project to be done at St. Joseph's orphanage. They will be providing an evening of career activities for students and dinner along with a jacket as a take away for the event. She is looking for volunteers to assist with the project's career activity tables.

New Member Reception – Successful New Member Reception held on October 4th with 40 in attendance. A good presentation was provided by Steve Haber. The next New Member Reception is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

Mary Beth Poulimenos (Club Social Activities) – I have nothing new to report from my committees. They're going smoothly. I would however encourage everyone to attend the RAH on 10/21, at Kenwood, Senior Star hosted by Charlie Raterman. Attendance has been very low in recent months.

Don Keller (Foundation Matters)

Unfortunately, our last regularly scheduled Board Meeting was cancelled as attendance was going to be very spotty. Hopefully everyone has the next date on their calendar which is November 16th at 4:00 at Terracon. Please try to attend or give as much notice as possible if you cannot.

On Friday evening, October 7th the Rotary Foundation Legacy Circle had a cocktail reception at the Cincinnati Observatory to thank members for their contributions.

Coming up on October 18th, we will be participating in the Hometown Huddle with Marvin Lewis Foundation.

We will soon be getting ready to start ramping up for the 6th annual Believe 2 Achieve Event. Please plan to help with donations and your time where possible.

Deborah Schultz (International Service) –

World Community Service:

The committee is preparing for its October 27 presentation to the club for raising funds. There will be four speakers including Don Olinger speaking about our supported projects: Hope for Ndoki, Solarizing Uganda Now with All We Are, and Caring Response Madagascar Hux and Ariel Miller. We met with the Guatemala Literacy Project which supports teachers and students in Guatemala with the help of contributions from over 500 Rotary Clubs. The average donation is \$1,000. The committee committed \$2,000 with the initial payment of \$1,000 and the second payment of \$1,000 depending on how the fundraising goes. This money will be used for scholarships with the goal of increasing the number to 1200, both boys and girls but mostly for girls where the impact is greatest on family life and community. We also recommitted to an already passed goal of supplying the SUN/All We Are Project for solarizing schools with the remaining \$4,000 (\$2,000 per year for two years..

Youth Exchange:

Steve King reported that Lea (pronounced Lay uh) is still doing well. She is making friends, her English is improving and she is representing Rotary and France well. She still needs to attend a club meeting, but Thursday's are a difficult day for her to do so since she is a diligent student and hates missing school. Rotary After Hours might work, a suggestion from Ariel Miller. She goes to her next host family December 2 and Steve is interviewing a third host family this week. Lea doesn't have the money, nor are her parents sending her money to do the extra enrichment trips involved in the Exchange. Steve proposes that we work with her home club, her parents and our club to raise the \$2,000 she will need to go on the two week Western excursion with the Rotary Ohio Erie Group in July of 2017. Steve recommends that our club come up with at least \$500 to support these efforts. Lea is babysitting and doing odd jobs to earn extra income as well. I agree and ask the board to act on this.

Rotary International:

Contacted Ute but understandably did not hear back because of Hans heart attack and pending surgery. Happy to take over any of her duties as need be.

Janet Metzelaar (Community Service) – No Report Received.

Chris Pfetzer (Youth Service) - No Report Received.

Jocile Ehrlich (Fundraising and Special Activities)

Split the Pot - Bob McElroy

STP continues to generate good participation and a respectable revenue stream to support membership efforts. Since July 1 we have collected \$ 1744.00 or about \$ \$125/week.

Meeting Sponsorships - Jack Berger - YTD, He's received commitments from 14 Rotarians; 4 since our last Board meeting.