

ROTARY CLUB OF CINCINNATI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

MINUTES

September 8, 2016

1:30 p.m.

Salons D/E – Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza

Jack Scott, President

MEMBERS:

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

Also Present: Linda Muth, Executive Director, and Bill Shula, Past District Governor

Call to Order

President Jack Scott called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

Past District Governor, Bill Shula, thanked the board for their support of the Zone Institute.

Dave Carlin presented the August 2016 financial statements.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion Approved: that the minutes of the August 11, 2016, meeting be approved.

Concerning Membership: Classification Committee Report

NEW PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

CASSIN, John W. * Active
Line of Business : Financial Services, Diversified
Financial Advisor
Raymond James
Sponsors (s) : Rich Dineen

COLE, Lynne M. *Active
Line of Business : Banking
Branch Manager
Republic Bank
Sponsor(s) : Rick Flynn

REQUEST FOR TERMINATION

Motion Approved: That the following requests for termination be received with regret.

CASTLE, Zachary *Moving
Status: Active - YP
Line of Business: Accounting
Necco, Inc.
Joined: 2/20/2016

SEDACCA, Carl M. *Health
Status: Senior Active
Line of Business: Physician
Joined: 7/22/1998

STROPES, Brad T. *Cost
Status: Active – YP
Line of Business: Technology, Information
CBTS
Joined: 1/23/2016

REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN LINE OF BUSINESS

Motion Approved: That the following request for change in line of business be granted.

YOUNG, Thomas
From LOB: Insurance To LOB: Investment
Marketing Representative
Pension Corporation of America
Joined: 1/27/1999

TERMINATION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

Motion Approved: That the following member terminations for non-payment of dues be approved.

MILLS, Corey * Active
Line of Business : Clubs
Club Manager
Sam's Club
Sponsors(s): Dave Carlin

ZORB, Andrea * Active, YP
Line of Business : Consulting, General
Sponsors(s): Rich Dineen

President Report

President Jack Scott asked that Rick Flynn share some information from the Triology training last evening for the District. The focus this year of the district is on membership. They set the goal of small clubs adding a net 1 new member and large clubs add 2 new members. He spoke about the Youth programs of Rotary – Youth Exchange, RYLA, 4-Way Speech Contest, Interact, and Rotaract. They spoke about the RI Leadership training. November 5, 2016 and April 27, 2017.

Executive Director Report

Linda Muth shared that the auditors from Clark Schaefer Hackett were in last week and she was working to supply them with the requested documentation.

Linda also let the board know the club had the opportunity to purchase Business Courier advertisement credits from Kenwood Country Club - \$23,000 credits for \$2300 with an understanding, but no contractual obligation, that we would book a couple of future events at the club.

Motion Approved: That the club purchase \$23,000 in Business Courier advertisement credits from Kenwood Country club for \$2300.

Committee/Director Reports

Dave Carlin – Membership Development

Dave Carlin reported that our membership number is down from 311 to 302 at the beginning of the Rotary year. Nancy Riesz has done a great job of recruiting new member advisors and they voted to give a stainless steel tumbler to a new member when he/she complete their Roadmap to success. Dave shared the dates for the upcoming prospective member lunches – September 29th John Pepper; October 20th Elmer Hensler, and perhaps a third on November 10th.

Jack encouraged the board members who are attending Wage Cincy Peace to reach out to those attending to discuss your experience in Rotary.

Bud Dornette – Club Executive Matters

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

Board Director: Bryan Vielhauer, Janet Burns, Drew Emmert
Secretary-Treasurer – Dave Carlin
President-Nominee – Rick Flynn

Janet Metzelaar – Community Service

Condon School Party-Sherrie Mathis/Vince Hartman - Early planning stages; date not yet set. Always early December.

Fire/Police/Sheriff/Teacher Recognition-Trish Smitson/Barry Evans - Police Recognition (Apr 28th), CPS Teacher Recognition (June 9th), Sheriff Recognition (Aug. 11th), Fire Recognition is coming up (Barry Evans organizing for Nov 17th). All organizations actively select those to be recognized and appreciate Rotary's drawing public attention to individuals for leadership, excellence, community service, valor, humanitarian award, etc. While those recognized typically say it is all in the job, they do deep down care...and families are especially proud to be there to see the awards. A \$1,000 cash gift is given to each organization.

Camp Allyn Ballon Rides and Activities-Mark Soupene - A couple of rain-out dates, and now done for the season.

Hands-on-Service-Jim Brooks - Dates not yet determined, but plan is for serving meal to families at Ronald McDonald House late September or early October. Hands-on service at Camp Allyn to be scheduled for October.

Picnic-Fred Fischer/Chris Adams

Picnic was held Aug. 27th, with 184 in attendance...up from 150 last year and might have been more if weather hadn't been threatening rain. Fred feels there is still room to grow the picnic. Chris Adams held his staff over an extra day to help with the picnic - their gift to Rotary. Linda Muth won the cornhole tournament (\$75). Crafts thanks to Bonnie Rettig and magic show by Richard LaJeunesse entertained children and parents alike. Plenty of food, drink, and an ice cream truck!

Deborah Schultz – International Service

Deborah delivered her detailed report on our International efforts. (Report supplied by Deborah)

Rotary Foundation- Ute Papke

Ute has been asked to make monthly announcements regarding RI contributions. (other matters?) For September she would like to put flyers on each table.

Youth Exchange – Peter Baden, Steve King

Lea Revenieu arrived at the Cincinnati Airport on August 15 and was met by Ariel, Peter Baden and two host families. Her first host family was great, but a problem arose because they had two dogs. Lea is deathly afraid of dogs and this was causing both her and the Kellys, her family, stress. Fortunately, the second host family had no dog and she is happily ensconced in Blue Ash with that family. She is attending Sycamore High School. Lea has not been to a Rotary meeting yet and would like a suggestion of a good upcoming meeting to attend with her host mom. The exchange students have had their first overnight and will be having a second on the 18th.

World Community Service- Don Olinger

The committee is busy arranging a program for October 27 to highlight what WCS has accomplished in the recent months as well as show a special slide show prepared by Charles Pierce. The presentation is a brief history of the committee's activities over the years, with highlights from current projects. Charles has done a lot of research and asked those of us who have served as chairs to refresh his memory and provide edits to his work. It is important for everyone on the board to understand that WCS is given funds, through the World Affairs Fund which is one of the separate funds in the Foundation. The majority of money in the foundation is restricted for use in the U.S. All of the funding for WCS is by special donation to the World Affairs Fund. Generally the appeal is once a year. In the past few years as WCS has started up again, we have made a significant number of grants and have many more asks in the pipeline, so keeping this fund viable is important.

Recently completed projects:

Hope for Ndoki

A five-month-old infant from Nigeria was brought to Children's Hospital Medical Center for treatment for a special kind of tumor on her face, which was life threatening and debilitating. WCS gave \$2,000 to support airfare for the mother and child. This project was brought to WCS by Celine Piri, a past member of our club who rejoined, The request was through her Hope for Ndoki Foundation. Ndoki is Celine's hometown in Nigeria. The infant was too young for the proposed surgery. She needed to be one for surgery, but was treated with medication, which seemed to have reduced the tumor. When she goes home there is a plan to find a doctor to continue to give her the medication she needs. When she becomes one, her progress will be re-evaluated. Celine appeared on a local TV program and mentioned Rotary's contribution to helping this child. Several current Rotarians serve on the board for Hope for Ndoki. This organization wants to build a clinic to serve children and their families in Ndoki, an underserved community.

Dayton Rotary Nigerian Global Grant Sanitation/Medical Center Project

\$2125 to the Dayton Rotary Club supported by other clubs in the District for the Nvosi School in Abia State in Nigeria for a borehole for water, solar power for a pump, water storage tank for a sanitation project and making the clinic there functional as well as introducing a science curriculum. The total cost is \$55,600 and RI is providing a significant match of funds for the project. Our contribution will go provide a septic system. Not sure when the project will be completed.

SUN School Project (Solarizing Uganda Now) with All We Are Foundation

WCS has given two grants to All We Are, started and run by Nathan Thomas, the current 24 year old President of the Mid-Town Raleigh Rotary Club. The first grant was for \$2,000 and installed solar the Bright School (800 students between 5-12) and the 91/Four Rehabilitation Center for At Risk Girls from the Karamojong Tribe. These girls are regularly subjected to beatings, rape, human trafficking, prostitution and hunger and the center gives them a chance for a new start in life. Both projects were in Kampala, Uganda. The work was completed within ten days of receiving our check.

The most recent grant of \$5,000 was for the Kingstone College School, which is a high school of 700 students in a poor rural area of farmers working mostly in pineapple fields. The installation included 69 indoor lights and 56 outdoor lights and will provide needed security and allow the school to expand to 1,000 students. World Bank studies show that performance is enhanced when solar is installed.

In May of 2015, WCS voted to give All We Are \$3,000 a year for three years based on performance. So far we have given \$5,000 of that \$9,000 we've pledged. Nathan is also working with his district to do even more solar projects. The key to his success is local partners, including the Natete Rotary Club, local workers, local sourcing of solar panels, and a commitment to using savings from electricity for upgrades and maintenance. Nate comes in on budget.

I wrote an article on SUN for the recent District Newsletter and as part of the letter asked for other clubs to join us in this project.

This is a synopsis of how our money was spent in Ugandan currency for the original \$2,000 grant.

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Bright Primary School:
170W Solar Panel: 595,000 UGX
20A Charge Controller: 200,00 UGX
300W Inverter: 500,000 UGX
300Ah Battery: 1,750,000 UGX
Wiring, Junction boxes : 1,100,000 UGX
5Watt LED Bulbs x 12 : 120,000 UGX
3Watt LED Bulbs x 35 : 350,000 UGX
Labor: 200,000 UGX
Transport: 50,000 UGX
Total: 4,340,000 UGX = \$1486 USD

91Four House:

75W Solar Panel: 262,500 UGX
20A Charge Controller: 200,000 UGX
300W Inverter: 500,000 UGX
100Ah Battery: 500,000 UGX
Wiring, Junction boxes : 40,000 UGX
5Watt LED Bulbs x 3 : 30,000 UGX
3Watt LED Bulbs x 12 : 120,000 UGX
Labor: 100,000 UGX
Transport: Included with Phase 2 Drop-off
Total: 1,752,500 UGX = \$600 USD

Caring Response Madagascar – Hux and Ariel Miller

I received a call from Hux from Madagascar yesterday to provide me with a requested update. This is to establish Sanitation Villages in Madagascar with partnerships with Rotary Clubs there and with Caring Response Madagascar a Cincinnati based NGO started and run by Virginia Wiltsie. WCS has given two separate checks to this project which includes clean drinking water, sanitary latrines and hygiene education. The first project included a sizeable contribution by Hux. That project starts Monday and Hux is meeting with the DG and Rotary Clubs to get going on it. There is a hold up on the second project (Global Grant which has to Hux's knowledge been approved by RI Foundation even though they are waiting on some unfinished business. WCS donated \$5,000 to the second project. The hold up is on the Madagascar side, one man in particular, according to Hux, who continually comes up with road blocks to progress these projects hope to achieve. Hux feels certain that with time these impediments will be overcome. Hux is working with local doctors for this model healthy village as well as seeing medical patients. He sends his regards to the board, sounds as if he is in his element, and will be in Madagascar for two more weeks.

Recommendations:

*It would be helpful if WCS reported more than once a year our progress to the club.

Members who give want to know how the money is spent and what impact their contributions have made. .

- I encourage WCS and the board to adopt what I know to be the best professional standards adopted by RI and NGO's working on global development issues. That is to work primarily with solid 501c3 organizations and partner Rotary Clubs with a successful performance history, to focus around a few in-depth projects rather than many small projects, to continue to pursue Global Grants through RI for large, impactful projects and to have foremost in our minds what is sustainable and what makes a difference to as many people as possible over the longest periods of time.

- To balance all that, since few people in our club have ever traveled to the project countries we have served, we need to find projects that everyone can find a way to participate in. From a practical standpoint I think it undercuts local economies when we ship things that can be bought in their own country, I understand why we sometimes do that. If possible I suggest when we choose to ship, we only ship items, which cannot be bought in country.

- Feeling good about doing good is a wonderful experience. Let's feel good, do good, and create opportunity and independence for others overseas. We do this by making sure we let people in-country identify their needs, not imposing our ideas of what they need on them. We do best when we get their buy in and

especially when those we help contribute in some way to the project. Partnerships with local Rotary Clubs with a good track records also makes a difference in making sure our efforts work. With these key considerations in place, our projects give the people we assist a leg up to assist themselves. Self-sufficiency is the end goal.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Janet Metzelaar suggested asking host family for Youth Exchange to a luncheon. Maybe ask them to a meeting and recruiting them for membership.

It was brought up that because of the RI By-law changes, our minutes must be posted to our website. Linda Muth said she would see that this gets done.

Adjournment

There being no further business:

Motion approved: that the meeting be adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Jack Scott
President

Linda Muth
Executive Director