ROTARY CLUB OF CINCINNATI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

#### MINUTES

#### December 8, 2016

**1:30 p.m.**

### Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza – Salons B/C

### Jack Scott, President

**MEMBERS:**

Jack Scott, President P Julie Poyer E

Dave Carlin, Secr/Treasurer P Giff Blaylock E

Don Keller, Foundation President E Janet Metzelaar P

Bud Dornette, Past President P Jocile Erlich P

Al Koncius, President-Elect P Rick Flynn P

Marc Horwitz P Chris Pfetzer E

Mary Beth Poulimenos P Deborah Schultz P

**Also Present**: Linda Muth, Executive Director

## Call to Order President Jack Scott called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.

Dave Carlin presented the November 2016 financial statements.

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

## Approval of Minutes

## Motion Approved: that the minutes of the November 10, 2016, meeting be approved.

**Concerning Membership: Classification Committee Report**

**NEW PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP**

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

**BERINGER**, Arnie T. \* Active  
Line of Business : Distribution, Hard Goods

Managing Partner

CEECO Equipment, Inc.

Sponsors (s) : Mike Roth

**DIXON**, Shane W. \* Active - YP  
Line of Business : Banking

Executive Leadership Program Participant

Fifth Third Bank

Sponsors (s) : Rick Flynn/Kelly Flynn

**JENKINS**, Jim \*Active

Line of Business : Human Services, Child & Adolescent

Development Director

St. Joseph Orphanage

Sponsor(s) : Don Olinger/Jim Yunker

**MERK**, Richard J. “Rick” \*Active

Line of Business : Foundations

Director of Development and Family Outreach

The Cure Starts Now

Sponsor(s) : Dave Carlin/Rich Dineen

**SAELINGER**, Tom \*Corporate

Market President Member

Republic Bank

Sponsor(s) : Rick Flynn

\*\*Corporate member under Republic Bank Corporate Membership (no interview)

**REQUST FOR CHANGE OF STATUS**

Motion Approved: that the following changes in status be granted.

**BURNS**, Janet A.

From : Active To : Senior Active

Joined : 10/7/2004

**MOUSSA**, Nadim

From : Active To : Senior Active

Joined : 9/28/1993

**REQUST FOR DUES WAIVED**

Motion Approved: that Bren Ryan be Granted Dues Waived Status for the billing period January through June 2017 because of knee replacement surgery.

Motion Approved: that Richard Hannan be Granted Dues Waived Status for health reasons.

**REQUST FOR TERMINATION**

Motion Approved: that the following change in status be granted.

**BOYD**, Andy \*Work obligations

Status : Active

Line of Business : Services, Commercial

Integrated Protection Services, Inc.

Joined : 11/11/2004

**KUEHN**, Sandra L.

Status: Active

Line of Business: Healthcare  
Center For Chemical Addictions Treatment

Joined: 7/22/1998

**President Report**

Senior Active Status was discussed at length and the decision was made to adopt the age of 65 with five years of membership in any Rotary Club as the criteria for eligibility. The board requested that Linda Muth contact Richard La Jeunesse to discuss the new language to be used to update the constitution. It was also suggested that this information be communicated via email as well as the newsletter to insure all members are aware of the planned change.

Motion Approved: that the membership be presented with the proposed change in the criteria for Senior Active Status and Past Service Members to be 65 years of age and five years of service in any Rotary Club with the exact language to be drafted by the board’s legal advisor, Richard La Jeunesse.

**Executive Director Report**Linda Muth shared that dues are coming in at a good pace and many more are coming in via the website.

**Committee/Director Reports**

**Dave Carlin – Membership Development**

Dave Carlin reported that Nancy Riesz has done a great job with the Engagement committee and will be conducting a ceremony for New Members next week. Dave also shared information on the March Madness Membership Campaign to be held during the NCAA March Madness Basketball Tourney. Judy Pogue and Dave Ziegler volunteered to chair the campaign.

**Janet Metzelaar – Community Service**

Condon School Party - Sherrie Mathis/Vince Hartmann - All is ready for Condon party on Dec. 6th. Final committee meeting on December 1st.

Wage Cincy Peace - Sam Schutte - May invite a group of energetic YP’s looking for a project who do not know what Rotary is “doing.” They have also expressed as African-Americans, they do not see themselves in our membership. We hope they do come so they can see themselves in the children we serve at Condon School.

Fire/Police/Sheriff/Teacher Recognition - Trish Smitson/Barry Evans - NOTE: Fire Recognition held last month -Nov 17th.Past events: Police Recognition (April 28th), CPS Teacher Recognition (June 9th), Sheriff Recognition (Aug. 11th). 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. $1,000 cash gift is awarded to each organization.

Camp Allyn Balloon Rides and Activities -Mark Soupene - No action. Not sure if new balloon provider has been identified.  
Hands-on-Service - Jim Brooks - Last three HOS events (Hometown Huddle, Ronald McDonald House Dinner and Vision Screening were full-staffed with volunteers and were deemed successful.

* RMH Dinner also included 5 Rotoractors.
* Approximately 9 or 10 volunteers were at the Thanksgiving Vision Screening organized by Shirley Love.
* Upcoming events include a Ronald McDonald House Dinner in First Quarter 2017.

HOS Committee is also interfacing with Wage Cincy Peace and Rotaract Club on projects they have proposed to align schedules and prevent conflicts.

**Jocile Ehrlich – Fundraising and Special Activities**

Jack Berger has sold over $4,000 in meeting sponsorships. Deb Caley and Linda Muth are meeting to discuss the Festival of Dinners fundraiser next week. Bill Shula’s Jefferson Award Committee will be meeting next Thursday. Bob Herzog is committed to being the emcee again this year and Mike Killian, our member from the Enquirer has agreed to once again partner with us for the nomination process/application.

**Mary Beth Poulimenos – Club Social Activities**

Red Light Table event will be on January 7th and it will be $30 person and $60 couple with piano music. Food will be done via a great local caterer and it will be held at the Cincinnati Athletic Club.

Bowling – Gary Kindell said next week is their last week and will resume after the New Year.

Rob Croskery hasn’t set anything for Rotary After Hours in 2017.

**Deborah Schultz – International Service**

Youth Exchange - Ariel reports that Lea is doing very well. She is moving to her second host family on Friday Dec 2nd and it will be a good move. Leah is a diligent student and is reluctant to miss school for our Rotary meetings. Ariel is planning for Lea’s club presentation in the springtime. Her Rotary club in France gave her $500 Euros and she is now going on the Eastern RYE trip!! Hux and Ariel helped her financially as well. Peter processed a recent outbound application through our club. Nina Lupariello is from Oak Hills HS and attended our presentation there last year. She seems to be well suited in temperament and motivation to be a good ambassador for our club. She is very open minded and excited about the challenge and the opportunity.

Rotary International - Ute has asked Linda to give her a January date to speak to the club about donating to RI. So far our club, along with many other clubs in the District, has not stepped up to the plate in terms of contributions. Ute shared a report on RI donations from clubs in District 6670 with Linda.

World Community Service - At the November l7 meeting of WCS a presentation was made by the Sherbro Foundation in Sierra Leone, founded in 2013. This foundation headed by Arlene Golembiewski, a former Peace Corps volunteer to Serra Leone. The goal is fighting extreme poverty by helping women in a number of ways—literacy, computer skills, farming. Extreme poverty is living on $1.25 a day. In Sierra Leone, that amount is only $1.00 per person per day. WCS has voted to make a grant of $2,000 to Sherbro, which will be matched with another $2,000. The money will be used to support sustainable farming by women to give them food for their families and food to sell at market. Hux Miller reports that the funds from the Global Grant have reached Madagascar and that work on the Sanitation Village in partnership with Caring Response Madagascar has begun. The All We Are SUN Project for putting solar in schools in Uganda continues. Don hopes donations will make it possible for another $2,000 grant to support the program before the end of the year. Unfortunately there are no funds available in the World Affairs Fund so dollars must be raised in order to fund any additional projects. Deborah will make a plea from the podium at the next meeting.

**Old Business**

Honorary Memberships – Dave Carlin distributed a document that shared the information that the subcommittee compiled on the topic. The consensus was to not change the constitution but to make a more concerted effort to review any nominations for honorary membership. The plan is to honorary Rotarians two times a year at Board meetings.

**New Business**

Strategic Planning session will be held on February 27, 2017, with past participants, current and future board members all asked to attend.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business:

Motion approved: that the meeting be adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Jack Scott Linda Muth

President Executive Director