ROTARY CLUB OF CINCINNATI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

#### MINUTES

#### January 12, 2017

**1:30 p.m.**

### Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza – Julep Room

### Jack Scott, President

**MEMBERS:**

Jack Scott, President P Julie Poyer E

Dave Carlin, Secr/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 P Rick Flynn P

Marc Horwitz P Chris Pfetzer P

Mary Beth Poulimenos E Deborah Schultz P

**Also Present**: Linda Muth, Executive Director, and Fred Fischer, Foundation President-Elect

## Call to Order President Jack Scott called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m.

Dave Carlin presented the December 2016 financial statements.

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

## Approval of Minutes

## Motion Approved: that the minutes of the December 8, 2016, meeting be approved.

**Concerning Membership: Classification Committee Report**

**NEW PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

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

**FORSEE**, Amanda \* Active - YP  
Line of Business : Banking

Commercial Relationship Manager

First Financial Bank

Sponsors (s) : Julie Poyer/Dawn Yunker

**HUBBARD**, Ali F. \* Active - YP  
Line of Business : Construction *(HGC Corporate Membership)*

Director, Business Development

HGC Construction

Sponsors (s) : Fred Fischer/Jack Scott

**HUSEMAN**, Mike \*Corporate Member

President

HGC Construction

Sponsor(s) : Fred Fischer

***\*\*Corporate member under HGC Construction Corporate Membership (no interview)***

**KRANIAS**, Dr. George \*Active

Line of Business : Physician

Medical Doctor

Sponsor(s) : Nadim Moussa/Tania Moussa

**LIEBMAN**, Robert L. \*Active

Line of Business : Law Practice

Attorney - retired

Sponsor(s) : Sara Peller

**NEYER**, John R. \* Active - YP

Sr. Project Manager *(HGC Corporate Membership)*

HGC Construction

Sponsor(s) : Fred Fischer/Jack Scott

**REQUESTS FOR CHANGE OF STATUS**

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

**HORWITZ**, Marc

From : Active To : Senior Active

Joined : 7/28/05 \*Combination age/tenure

**SCHNELLER**, William A. “Bill”

From : Active To : Senior Active

Joined : 5/23/12

**REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Motion Approved: that the following requests for a leave of absence be granted:

**Carpenter,** Julie, joined 10/10/15 – Job Change – 1st LOA Request

**Cole,** Lynne, joined 11/2016 – Responsibilities Change - 1st LOA Request

**Gerding,** Matt, joined 10/24/13, Job Change - 1st LOA Request

**Pearce,** Matt, joined 8/25/11, Job Change – 2nd LOA Request

**Ramsey,** Robert, joined 10/24/14, Job Responsibilities/Attendance – 2nd LOA Request

**Williams,** Jared, joined 1/19/2015, Job Responsibilities - 1st LOA Request

**REQUESTS FOR TERMINATION**

Motion Approved: that the following requests for termination be accepted with regret:

**CLEVES** Jr., Joseph A. Work obligations

Status : Active

Line of Business : Law Practice

Taft Law

Joined : 3/19/2016

**FINN**, Philip C. \*Move/Join other club

Status : Senior Active

Line of Business : Investment

Merrill Lynch

Joined : 1/27/2000

**FORD**, Robert W. \*Work obligations

Status : Senior Active

Line of Business : Health

Cincinnati Counseling Services

Joined : 8/30/2001

**HUFFMAN**, Neal W. \*Work obligations

Status : Active – YP

Line of Business : Banking

Republic Bank

Joined : 10/22/2016

**RICHMOND**, Joseph R. \*Moved to Florida

Status : Senior Active

Line of Business : Investment

Wealthquest Inc.

Joined : 8/31/2006

**TRIBBE**, Patrick \*Attendance

Status : Senior Active

Line of Business : Human Services, Adult

Hamilton County Mental Health Board

Joined : 1/28/1998

**President Report**

Jack shared several important dates for the board members to be aware of including the following:

* Large Club Conference – January 20-25, 2017 - Linda Muth and President-Elect Al Koncius will be attending the conference in Nashville on January 20-25th and Jack encouraged the board to submit any questions to them prior to their departure since it’s such a great source of information for clubs that are similar in size and structure to ours.
* District Grant Management Seminar February 15, 2017 – We’ve asked several members involved in recent grants if they would attend: Richard La Jeunesse, Don Olinger, Ute Papke, Deborah Schultz, and Ariel Miller.
* District Golf Outing – April 28, 2017 – Shaker Run Golf Course
* District Conference April 28-29, 2017 – Manor House in Mason. Please plan to attend.

**Executive Director Report**Linda Muth shared that dues collections are the best they have ever been with only six outstanding invoices. Board members signed up to contact those members. She also asked for volunteers to send an article in for the District Newsletter. She is going to send one on the Condon School for February, Don Keller is going to do one for Believe 2 Achieve in March and Fred Fischer will be doing one for April. She briefly discussed her investigation into more security for our website and will bring additional information to the February board meeting.

**Committee/Director Reports**

**Dave Carlin – Membership Development**

Dave Carlin reported that Nancy Riesz continues to do an outstanding job in keeping the entire Engagement committee working to keep on task. The biggest news on the Membership Development front is the upcoming March Madness Membership Campaign. It will run from March 2nd until March 30th. Several activities have been scheduled in conjunction with the event including 4 prospective member lunches, a hands on service project, a Rotary After Hours, and a Prospective Member Breakfast. More details to come as Dave Ziegler and Judy Pogue work to finalize the plans for the campaign.

**Chris Pfetzer (Youth Service)**

Christ Pfetzer reported that the all four schools from last year will compete again this year in the Four Way Speech Contest (Walnut Hills, Shroder, DePaul Cristo Rey, and Carpe Diem) and the school contests should be completed by February 2nd. Our contest will be held on February 16th. The Rotary District speech contest will be on April 2nd at Wright State University.  Chris said RYLA Committee is looking at partnering with youth organizations instead of just particular high schools. The Community-Based Rotaract had their 2017 planning meeting and they are looking at St. Joe’s home to partner with for special projects. They indicated they want to speak at Rotary meetings once a quarter. They would also like to have Rotarians speak at their meetings. Rick Flynn volunteered to speak at one of their meetings. Jack Scott brought up the concern that their charter has not been renewed. Linda Muth worked with Sam Schutte and Sally Johnston in December to get that done. She will follow up to find out where the disconnect happened. There was nothing new to report on UC Rotaract.

**Giff Blaylock (Club Operations)**

Audit Committee – Nothing new to report.   
  
Strategic Planning – Session scheduled for February 27, 2017, from 3:30-6:30 PM. Linda Muth will be sending information out about the details to current board members, previous board members who were on the strategic planning committee in the past, and members Rich Dineen, Nancy Riesz, and Kelly Mahan.   
  
Presidential Citation – We are in great shape on our goals. Giff was looking for a board member to sign up for a Rotary International Discussion Group. Janet Metzelaar and Rick Flynn are planning to join a group. He also said we will need to meet our membership goals by adding a net gain of 2 new members and adding 4 new members under the age of 40. Dave Carlin felt confident we could meet this goal.

**Jocile Erlich (Fundraising and Special Activities)**Jack Berger:  Meeting Sponsors - Jack has gotten 22 meeting sponsors so far for a total of $4400.   
  
Bob McElroy:  Split the Pot - We've collected $2910 this Rotary Year.  
  
Deb Caley:  Festival of Dinners. Deb and Linda  have some great items in the works. They have an initial list of 14 events/dinners/tours they are trying to firm up and hope to have all the event details ironed out by January 10th so Linda can create the graphics before she leaves town on January 20th. The Festival of dinners is scheduled to run Feb 2nd through Feb. 16th. Linda Muth asked the board members for volunteers for hosts for a couple of the events.  
  
Bill Shulla:  Jefferson Award - Mike Kilian will have the application link ready this week.  He is planning on an article in the January 15 Enquirer.  Once we have that we can start getting nominations. The deadline for nominations is February 10.  Bill will be contacting last year's non-winner nominators  to see if they want to re-nominate.  He  will also be sending information to all the local Rotary Club Presidents to seek nominations from their club members. Channel 12 and Bob Herzog are committed for the March 2 program and presentation of the Jefferson Award.  Bill will be working with the office to send out blast reminders and we will have additional club announcements. The committee will be meeting again on January 19 and is looking for a few more non-Rotarians who can help get the word out in the community to serve on our committee .The committee will select the finalists the following week.  Channel 12 will film the three finalists chosen by the committee.  
  
Wally Emmerling Award:  This award was established in 1994 to be presented to a great living Rotarian who exemplifies the highest qualities a Rotarian could achieve; someone who demonstrates Service Above Self; someone who serves as a model to others.  Past living winners include:  Charlie Raterman, Ute Papke, Steve Haber, Owen Wrassman, Al Koncius, Julian Magnus, Fred Fischer, Don Neyer, Pete Armstrong, Jack Berger, Greg Moratschek, Gus Juengling, Tom Powell, Ira Abrahamson and Cromer Mashburn. The Board will select our honoree at our February meeting so be thinking of worthy individuals. There are no 'requirements' for this honor other than already noted, but Mike LeVally, who was previously responsible for this, created a spreadsheet which Jocile will share with the board once it's updated showing all those who have served or been recognized in some manner for their service to Rotary.  It is recommended that board members not be nominated while they are serving on the board.  So start thinking of someone worthy of the honor.

**Old Business**

Senior Active Status – Linda Muth is working with Richard La Jeunesse to draft the language for the constitution change.

**New Business**

Deborah Schultz asked the board if we would once again be interested in participating in the CET Action Auction. The board agreed that this is a great event and gives the club excellent exposure.

Motion Approved: that the club participate as a sponsor in the CET Action Auction in April 2017.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business:

Motion approved: that the meeting be adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Jack Scott Linda Muth

President Executive Director

**DIRECTOR SUBMITTED WRITTEN REPORTS**

**Bud Dornette (Club Executive Matters)** – Nothing to report.

**Marc Horwitz (Club Meetings)**

All my leaders are in good shape.  They have a good number of volunteers and are prepared to make Jack look good.  We have enough speakers, prayers, Sergeants, and greeters.

**Julie Poyer (Women in Rotary)**

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on for Thursday, December 15. Steering Committee members include: Kay Atkins, Ute Papke, Nancy Riesz, Dawn Yunker, and Linda Muth attended.

* Change name of committee to Women in Rotary from Women 2 Women.
* Events will be “sponsored by” Women in Rotary instead of being called Women Events to be more inclusive.
* Event hosted by Deb Caley will be January 26th, probably at Clough Crossings.
* Nancy Riesz is going to organize a Happy Hour/Career Women’s Fashion event at Talbots in late March, early April.
* Dawn Yunker is going to arrange for intermittent Happy Hours in between events – more of flash mob, show up kind of events.
* Kelly Shough suggested doing a joint project with Girls Scouts or Mount Notre Dame HS – Kay is going to circle back with her about possibly developing an Interact Club and the service project (Kelly sent her suggestions; she wasn’t at the meeting).

**Rick Flynn (Club Membership) –** Rick’s report for the Rotary Club Board Meeting:

New Member Orientation – scheduled for January 26, 2017.

New Member Project – Initial spring planning meeting will be scheduled in February 2017 with an April/May 2017 projected project date.

New Member Reception – scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2017, with Steve Haber presenting.

**Mary Beth Poulimenos (Club Social Activities)** – My committees don't have any pressing news.

**Don Keller (Foundation Matters)**

Plans are underway for B2A 2017. Your support in terms of donations, asking others for donations, buying tickets, etc. is greatly appreciated.

The year-end appeal for the Foundation generated $23,600 to date. Of that amount approximately $6,000 was designated for World Community Service.

The next Foundation meeting is January 25th. Hopefully all can attend.

**Deborah Schultz (International Service)**

**Youth Exchange:** Steve and Ariel report that youth exchange student from France, Leá Revenieau, is now with her second host family, the Schmids. She texted Ariel that she is settled in and doing well. Ariel will check in with Dina Schmid, to confirm. Goal is to get her to a Rotary meeting or event as soon as can be arranged.

Steve also reports that the Cincinnati club is sponsoring 3 out bound RYE candidates. This is a record over the l0 years he has been involved with RYE in our club. He reports that there are modest outlays for these students—a flag, Cincinnati pins, and a sendoff lunch. Steve believes the uptick in candidates is because of past efforts at Oak Hills and the spirited Facebook posts from some or our previous out bounds have helped us have a larger than normal group of candidates.

**World Community Service:** The committee met January 5 to discuss the current balance of approximately $4100. It was agreed that $2,000 would be paid out to All We Are for the school solar program commitment made in 2016 and $2,000 would be given to the Sherbro Foundation for sustainable women’s agriculture/training in Sierra Leone, a 2016 commitment. The latter grant will be matched one for one by Sherbro. That leaves a little over $l00 for programs for this year. Currently there is not enough money to match on an application for District Funds. The question is what potential sources for more revenue are there within our club to support WCS on a more **consistent basis** which other clubs our size do i.e. Springfield and Dayton? I have given the committee some ideas to consider. Don Olinger wants to take a comprehensive look at the revenue issues moving forward and will have recommendations to be considered.

**Rotary International:** Ute is still looking for our club to make more donations to RI which can come back to the club in terms of grants for projects such as Hux and Ariel’s Madagascar Project.

**Janet Metzelaar (Community Service)**

Condon School Party – Sherrie Mathis/Vince Hartmann – 2016 party a big success.  
  
Fire/Police/Sheriff/Teacher Recognition-Trish Smitson/Barry Evans –Review of meeting attendance for these recognitions generally consistent over time with roughly 100 – 150 in attendance.   
  
Camp Allyn Ballon Rides and Activities-Mark Soupene **-** No action. Not sure if new balloon provider has been identified.   
  
Hands-on-Service-Jim Brooks **-** Upcoming events include a Ronald McDonald House Dinner to be held on March 6, 2017, and volunteering for the Flying Pig in May. Any initiatives proposed under Wage Cincy Peace will be handled through this committee.

Picnic – Fred Fischer – No action at this time.