ROTARY CLUB OF CINCINNATI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

ANNUAL MEETING

#### MINUTES

#### October 12, 2017

**1:30 p.m.**

### Queen City Club

### Al Koncius, President

**MEMBERS:**

Al Koncius, President P Janet Metzelaar P

Dave Carlin, Secr/Treasurer P Deborah Schultz E

Fred Fischer, Foundation President E Brett Lebhar P

Jack Scott, Past President P Janet Burns P

Rick Flynn, President-Elect P Drew Emmert P

Susan Wilkinson, Foundation P Bryan Vielhauer P

President-Elect (ex-officio) Sam Scoggins, Legal Advisor E

Marc Horwitz P to the Club Board (ex-officio)

Jocile Ehrlich P

**Also Present**: Linda Muth, Executive Director (via phone)

## Call to Order President Al Koncius called the meeting to order at 1:26 p.m. He welcomed Brett Lebhar to the board and asked Brett to give everyone a brief summary of his background.

## Approval of Minutes

Susan Wilkinson recommended deleting the word “sure” in the fourth line of the Executive Director’s report.

## Motion Approved: that the minutes of the September 14, 2017, meeting be approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Dave Carlin presented the September 2017 financial statements.

Motion Approved: that the September 2017 financial statements be received.

**Concerning Membership: Classification Committee Report**

**NEW PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

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

**HOCKENBERRY**, Craig D. \*Active

Line of Business : Education, K-12

Superintendant of Schools

Three Rivers Local Schools

Sponsor : Rich Dineen

**REAGH**, Sevgi \* Active – YP

Line of Business : Healthcare

Founder

Genonymous Sciences

Sponsor : Rich Dineen

**REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN LINE OF BUSINESS**

Motion Approved: that the following request for change in line of business be approved:

**REIDEL**, Molly

From : Real Estate, Residential To : Services, Personal

Joined : 6/17/2017 Travel Agent

**REQUEST FOR TERMINATION**

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

**ALLEN**, Christopher S.

Status : Active \*Move to Florida

Joined : 6/21/12

Line of Business : Consulting, General

**GRANT**, Richard L.

Status : Active – YP \*Time constraints

Joined : 11/21/14

Line of Business : Manufacturing, Soft Goods

**JUTZE**, Robert G.

Status : Active \*Time constraints

Joined : 2/28/2013

Line of Business : Media

**RAMSAY**, Robert J.

Status : Active \*Time constraints

Joined : 10/24/2013

Line of Business : Accounting

**NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF MEMBER**

**POWELL**, Thomas A.

Status: Senior Active \*Deceased 9/16/17

Joined: 5/21/1987

Line of Business: Distribution, Hard Goods

**Executive Director Report**Linda Muth shared that there is only one outstanding past-due invoice for the July-December billing and we will be invoicing in early November for the January-June billing.

**President Report**

No formal report by President Al.

**Committee/Director Reports**

President Al reported the Executive Committee met on 10/10.

**Marc Horwitz – Club Meetings**

No formal report by Marc as all committees are functioning properly.

**Dave Carlin – Membership Development**

We are down 9 members from July 1 but there are 5 new members going through Classification shortly. 11 prospective members attended the 9/25 Transept Happy Hour and 2 applications have been received so far. Dave discussed the calendar for the balance of 2017. Rich Dineen and Rick Flynn will be meeting on 10/18 to discuss developing a corporate membership strategy.

**Janet Burns – Classification/Women in Rotary**

Candles and Cocktails event will be held soon for the Women in Rotary group.

**Rick Flynn – New Membership**

Rick presented the New Member Dashboard; we’ve only lost 3 members but one was due to moving (Marty Mathis), one has a new job (Charmaine Kessinger) and the last was Lakshmi Sammarco (membership withdrawn due to misunderstanding). New member orientation is scheduled for 10/26. Seven new members attended the 10/10 New Member Reception. The next reception is scheduled for 3/20/18. The new member project at The King Academy was a huge success. The project will be presented to the club in early November with Principal Andrea Martinez hopefully in attendance. The Roadmap to Success process is proceeding as planned. Additional New Member Advisors are needed.

**Drew Emmert – Membership Engagement**

Rick Findlay and his Member Retention committee are actively contacting all members with less than 30% attendance to see why they aren’t attending, need a ride, etc. David Edwards and Tania Moussa have planned the Professional Development Series; 20 members have signed up, with 10 new members and 7 YP’s. The Rotary After Hours on 10/6 was a success at Clovernook CC and the next one is scheduled for 11/3 at Graydon Head Ritchey.

**Brett Lebhar – Youth Service**

RYLA going well with Brett mentoring new committee chairs. 4 Way Test Speech Contest planning is underway and contact with schools is beginning. Community Rotaract has 9 core members and the group is doing OK but needs to grow. UC Rotaract had 4 students at first meeting and plans are in motion to grow this group.

**Bryan Vielhauer – Club Social Activities**

Golf outing on 10/6 went well. Need approximately 10 more for Day At The Races. The venue for the Holiday Party will be selected soon.

**Fred Fischer – Foundation Matters**

Fred’s report was given by Linda; the October 28th Tree Planting event is well on its way. Duke Energy provided a grant of $25,000 to clear the area where the new trees are being planted. The Foundation grant cycle for October is being postponed as the subcommittee determines possible changes to our grant strategy. First B2A planning meeting was held on 9/26 and the process is underway.

**Deborah Schultz – International Service**

Report submitted electronically (see below).

**Janet Metzelaar - Community Service**

Hands on Service event will be held at The Ronald McDonald House on 11/6. Jefferson Award planning will begin in November. Emma’s Art Cart kits were delivered to Children’s Hospital on 10/10.

**Jocile Ehrlich – Fundraising and Special Activities**

Split the Pot - Bob McElroy -July thru last Tues $1916; Meeting Sponsorships - Shirley Love:  She's waiting for the new Directory release before she tackles this.  Wants to make sure she hits the new members. Feb Festival of Dinners - Michael Schatzman, Becky Sittason, Rachel Loughry are still in the very early stages of planning the event. May Wally Emmerling Day - Steve Haber, No Report.

**Jack Scott – Past President/Nominating Committee**

Jack presented the slate of candidates for Directors, Secretary-treasurer, President and President-Elect. Being that there was no opposition registered in the 14 days after the Secretary-Treasurer sent a letter on September 14, 2017, sharing the slate and asking for additional nominations.

Motion Approved: that the slate of nominees for board members and officers be approved.

Jack also stated the board should confirm the designated annual meeting of the members.

Motion Approved: that the October 26, 2017 meeting be designated as the annual meeting of the members.

**Old Business**

By Laws were reviewed by Susan Wilkinson based on input from Sam Scoggins. The Program Committee was agreed to be a standing committee. Susan will circulate a draft notice indicating the changes recommended.

The Honorary Membership policy was thoroughly discussed.

**New Business**

No new business was discussed.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business:

Motion approved: that the meeting be adjourned 2:59 p.m.

Al Koncius Dave Carlin

President Secretary/Treasurer

Report to the Board, Rotary Club of Cincinnati

Thursday, October 12, 2017

Deborah E. Schultz

**World Affairs Committee**

The focus project for WAC has been chosen. The number one vote getter by far was the Ugandan Solar Village Project. Our club will partner with the Midtown Rotary Club in Raleigh, NC, the Nateete-Kampala Rotary Club in Uganda and with non-profit All We Are (50l3c). The goal is to install solar LED lighting in three large schools, elementary and high school, in one village as well as solar powered wells at the schools. This was a variation of the work already done by this team with the addition of the wells component. The focus on one village idea came in consultation with and at the suggestion of one of RI's global grant coordinators with whom the Raleigh Midtown Club has conferred. Depending on the money raised there should be enough money left over to put solar LED in another village facility. Total cost minimum to be shared 50/50 with Midtown Raleigh Rotary is $70,000, which includes District Matching Funds and a Global Grant. Our club's minimum goal is to raise $l0, 000, but WAC believes it can raise $l5, 000-20,000 more than that, some of which could enhance this project and some of which could be used for other projects.

A group of Ugandan villages will be screened and a needs assessment done after permission from the villages, by the Nateete Club. Then all clubs will confer to identify the focus village. The Nateete Rotary Club that has been working for several years on solar school projects with Nathan Thomas, the 25 year old Past President of Raleigh Midtown and founder of All We Are. Cincinnati Rotary has given All We Are three small grants ($2,000) and we can rightly claim our club helped give this project the impetus it has gained by supporting it in early days. Nate and his team have done everything we asked and completed the installations in record time.

By the end of this year, 20 schools will have received solar, so our club will be working again with someone who knows exactly how to do this project successfully. The two U.S. clubs (Cincinnati and Midtown Raleigh) plan to apply for a Global Grant as equal partners. Nathan Thomas will be able to get away from his full time job as an engineer in Raleigh to speak on October 26 about this project. He is preparing visuals to tell the story as well. The work of installation is done in a short period of time once the village is selected (approximately two months), so this project has a definite beginning and end. A team of installers, well trained by All We Are, does all the installations, creating jobs in Uganda. A maintenance contract is part of the installation and the money for this comes from agreements with the schools to turn over a portion of "savings" as a result of the solar installation. This money, is specifically to be used for upgrade and maintenance for a minimum of five years.

WAC needs the support of our board and entire club for the success of this project.

There are a number of jobs to do including PR/marketing, selection of village site, and speaking to other clubs in our district perhaps as part of the fundraising effort which at present is the main job. This project, led by a young professional, should appeal to young professionals in the club. Please contact me for further details or questions you may have.

**Youth Exchange – Peter Baden Reports**

Cincinnati Rotary Youth Exchange is going well!

**Inbounds:**

Victoria is settling in and going to Oak Hills.  She visited Rotary last week with her host mom Jody Devoid.  Ute has been checking in regularly and things are going well. Sergi has settled in well with Brent Seelmeyer.  Hux Miller has been in touch and says everything is going well. There is a overnight planned the weekend of October 25th.  We will encourage the kids to go.

**Outbounds:**

Nina Lupariello is in India and seems to have over come her first cultural difference encounter.  She is an American Girl and is loved and encouraged by her host family to engage and join in.  A little too fast for some of the Rotarians there.  Some feathers were ruffled, a meeting was held and it seems the ship has been righted. Daphne McLaughlin is settled in with her family and school in South Korea.  She says she really enjoys her school and friends and her host family is really good too! We are gearing up for next year.  We have "Re-Ordered" two in-bound exchange students for next year.  Please let the board and club know we are now accepting applications for outbounds for next year!

**Rotary International**

Brian Miller is gearing up for a donate to RI campaign. He asked if he was presenting at the upcoming Foundation Day and I referred him to Linda.