ROTARY CLUB OF CINCINNATI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING MINUTES

#### September 13, 2018

**1:30 p.m.**

### Hilton Netherland Plaza Hotel – Caprice 1/4

### Rick Flynn, President

**MEMBERS:**

Rick Flynn, President P Brett Lebhar E

Jocile Ehrlich, Secr/Treasurer P Janet Burns P

Susan Wilkinson, Foundation President P Drew Emmert P

Al Koncius, Past President P Bryan Vielhauer P

Dave Carlin, President-Elect P Claudia Cagle P

John Fahrmeier, Foundation P Mary Ronan E

President-Elect (ex-officio) Ken Saunders P

Melinda Kelly P Sam Scoggins, Legal Advisor E

Deborah Schultz P to the Club Board (ex-officio)

**P=Present, E=Excused, A=Absent**

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

## Call to Order President Rick Flynn called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

## Approval of Minutes

## Motion Approved: that the minutes of the August 9, 2018, meeting be approved with the following corrections: Day of Races will be on October 12th, Nancy Riesz and Baffour names are spelled wrong, and add “text” books, and “other items” in the international report for the Ghana project.

Jocile Ehrlich presented the August 2018 financial statements.

Motion Approved: that the August 2018 financial statements be received.

**Concerning Membership: Classification Committee Report**

**NEW PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

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

**BEUERLEIN**, Thomas W. “Tom” \*Active - YP

Line of Business: Media

President

Flaming Medusa Animation

Sponsor: Claudia Cagle/Charles Pierce

**STIVER**, Shana D. \*Active - YP

Line of Business: Banking

Mortgage Loan Officer

Huntington National Bank

Sponsor: Al Koncius

**REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN LINE OF BUSINESS**

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

**BOEING**, Terri

From: Human Services, Child & Adolescent To: Retail, Soft Goods

Kroger Company

**CAGLE**, Claudia J.

From: Consulting, General To: Engineering

Axatronics, LLC

**REQUEST FOR TERMINATION**

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

**HOCKENBERRY**, Craig \*Financial

Status: Active

Joined: 10/21/17

Line of Business: Education, K-12

**MERCK**, Rick \*Unable to attend

Status: Active

Joined: 12/17/16

Line of Business: Foundations

**SYMES**, Robin \*Moved, job transfer

Status: Active

Joined: 6/26/18

Line of Business: Media

**President Report**Rick Flynn shared that he attended the District Trilogy training last evening and it was very well attended and was the best he had attended.

He shared the committee process reports he had received from the board members and complimented the board members on the quality of the reports. These process documents will enable future leaders of the club to have a guidebook for how to run the club.

**Executive Director Report**Linda Muth shared the Rotary office had new computers installed last week and that Summit Digital Networks did a great job in minimizing the downtime.

**Committee/Director Reports**

**Susan Wilkinson**

Susan shared the foundation Board of Trustees will be meeting next Wednesday, September 19, 2018. Susan reported that Sam Scoggins has been reviewing the bequest from Ira Abrahamson. It will be further discussed next Wednesday at the Board of Trustees meeting. The bequest was made to the club so the board will need to be involved in the transfer of the funds to the foundation. Believe 2 Achieve will return to Anderson Pavilion on June 22, 2019, at the same pricing as in 2018. Susan said she was actively looking for a Silent Auction Co-Chair for the event.

**Melinda Kelly – Club Meetings**

Melinda said it has been fun working with the committee chairs to develop the procedure reports. Melinda thanked Jocile Ehrlich for the template. The Program Committee has been doing a nice job in lining up great speakers.

**Al Koncius – Past President-Membership Development Chair**

Linda Muth shared an updated on Membership Development Committee for Al Koncius, the Membership Development Chair.

The processes and materials have been developed for the Road Map to Success Membership Ambassador training program and the program was launched last month. All the Ambassadors have been trained either at the Membership Development meeting or via phone. There are a total of 24 Membership Ambassadors who will be shepherding our prospects through the application process.

We will have an Ambassador stationed at the Sgt. at Arms Table each week to greet prospects in addition to the regular Sgt. at Arms.  You can identify the Ambassadors by the blue star on their badges.

We have culled all the old prospect lists down to a total of 140 “low” prospects from 2017-18. All were contacted in advance of the 8/30 prospective member meeting and will be added to the monthly newsletter being developed.  Of this list, 3 attended a luncheon meeting on 8/30/18 or 9/6/18 so they will be moved to the “medium” category for prospects and assigned an Ambassador.

28 Prospective Members attended meeting on 8/30/18.

3 Prospective Members attended meeting on 9/6/18.

All 32 prospects have been assigned a New Member Advisor.

2 Prospects attended the Classification on 9/6/18.

The current membership count including the two prospects is 332. Although this number is down from 345 (-13) from last year, in 2017-18 we had a total of 15 members join from July through December and 11 just in June so the slow start is to be expected. Now that we have the Ambassador program ramped up, we anticipate these numbers will improve dramatically in the next couple of months.

**Mary Ronan – Membership Development/Women in Rotary**

No Report.

**Jocile Ehrlich – Club Operations/Classification**

Audit will take place at the end of September.

**Ken Saunders - Membership**Ken reported that Carl Kappes did an orientation for one member last week. Nancy Riesz reported that the Roadmap has been cleaned up and they had a new member tearing off sticker event today for nine new members last month. She met with the New Member Advisors on August 30th to review the process and make sure they understood their responsibilities. Melody Weil is working on the new member project and it will be done at Wesley Chapel Mission Center on November 3, 2018.

**Bryan Vielhauer – Club Social Activities**

Bryan reported that the golf outing has 32 confirmed golfers, including 10% new members who have been in the club less than 18 months. Euchre kicked off at the Dunlap Café with 40 attendees and Sean Dennedy as the big winner; it was a spectacular night. Bowling is underway and there are several new members who have joined the league. The Day at the Races is scheduled at Keeneland on October 12, 2018. This trip is a long-standing outing for the club.

**Drew Emmert – Membership Engagement**

Drew said all of his committees have gotten their reports in this month. He shared that a neighborhood coffee was held at the Sleepy Bee in Blue Ash yesterday and about 10-12 people attended. Janet Burns asked if there was a way to follow-up with the attendees to see if they’d like to have more of these type of breakfast events. Professional Development are working to finalize the course offering for this Rotary year. Linda Muth shared that they have lined up all the instructors and that all classes will only be one-day offerings. Rick Flynn added that the courses were going to be offered to the members in the district and at the District Conference. Drew also reported that the Vocational Fellowship Chairs met to discuss how they could inject new life into the activity and the plan is to survey the members about various alternatives.

**Deborah Schultz – International Service**

Deborah shared that the funds for the Solar Village 5-schools and a clinic project in Uganda had been received, but because of the large dollar amount ($20,000) the funds had to be broken into smaller increments. The Otcheres have planned a trip to Ghana in March, but the deposits are due now. The hope is after the presentation on September 27th that there will be more interest in the trip. She said the World Affairs Council was excited to receive the $2,000 to support their event for high school students in November. Deborah also suggested adding past chairs to the process documents so they can be contacted as a resource. Ute Päpke gave a presentation about the RI Foundation today and will do an additional one next month centered around World Polio Day. Peter Baden reported both exchange students have arrived.

**Janet Burns – Fundraisers and Special Activities**

Janet reported that the Festival of Dinners will now be a Lip Sync contest as explained today with the Sonny and Cher announcement. Sponsorships are going well according to chair, Pete Armstrong. The picnic was not well attended this year. Chris Adams suggested moving it to a day when campers are at Camp Allyn. Linda said part of the low attendance was due to the fact that the chairs they changed the date three weeks before the event. Rick Flynn shared that Mike LeVally has agreed to be co-chair of the Wally Emmerling Day.

**Claudia Cagle – Community Service**

Claudia reported that all of her committee chairs were very positive about the process documentation and she has already received 4 of the 5 reports. She feels it has engaged them to start thinking about how we can keep our current members happy. She said Mark Soupene would like to do a slideshow/video of the balloon rides in May to promote volunteering beginning in June.

**Brett Lebhar – Youth Service**

**UC Rotaract**

- **Aug 26:  Very successful UC Student Activities Fair.  About 100 students stopped by our Rotary table to talk, and they left their contact information.**

**- Sept 26:  Some prospective UC Rotaractors may participate in the Freestore Foodbank service project**

**- Oct 3:  Career Speed Dating (being done in conjunction with UC Career Services Office).  We hope to have 20-30 Rotarians there to help [note: our Board has done well in providing volunteers].**

- Oct 24:  We may have a booth at the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce’s “Big College Event” [this is being discussed by the committee]

- Goal is to hold the first student Rotaract meeting on campus by Oct 31

**Community Rotaract**

- **August 23:  The committee Co-Chairs met with three formerly-active Community Rotaractors to get ideas on how to re-launch the Club**

**- Early Sept:  The Co-Chairs have reached out to talk with Katie vonErden (former UC Rotaract President) to get ideas**

**- Sept 26:  Some prospective UC Rotaractors may participate in the Freestore Foodbank service project**

- Oct 24:  We may have a booth at the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce’s “Big College Event” [this is being discussed by the committee]

- A social “meet & greet” event for prospective Rotaractors is being discussed for this fall

**RYLA**

- Late Sept. (after Trilogy): The District should have the 2018-19 RYLA materials & applications on-line for our committee to use

- Fall:  Our committee will contact schools to get their agreement/participation

- Goal is to have 5 students selected by Feb. 28.

- April 26-28: RYLA Camp

**Interact**

- Walnut Hills Interact Club is going strong

- Other high schools are being approached to see if they have an interest in an Interact Club (Cincinnati Country Day, Taft, and Clark Montessori)

- Sept 26:  Some Interactors may participate in the Freestore Foodbank service project

- Goal is to add at least one new Interact Club this year

**4-Way Test Speech Contest Committee**

- Walnut Hills and Wyoming high schools will be in the contest again

- Withrow High School has approached us with an interest; and our committee is reaching out to SCPA

- Goal: 4 schools to each send a school winner to our Rotary Club contest on Feb. 28

**Old Business**

None,

**New Business**

In Al Koncius’s absence, Dave Carlin, as President-Elect, made the motion to formally approve the slate of officers and board members as presented at the August Board Meeting since there were not additional candidates received by the Rotary office.

Brett Lebhar, President Nominee

Mary Ronan, Secretary Treasurer-Elect

Melinda Kelly – 2 Year Board Member Position

Nancy Riesz, Steve King, and Tim Hershner – 3-year Board Member Position

Motion Approved: That the slate of officers and board members presented at the August meeting be formally approved and presented to the club membership at the annual meeting for ratification.

Due to the fact that the club will be meeting offsite on October 18, the decision was made to move the annual meeting of the members to October 25th. Secretary’s note: the bylaws of the club state the 4th Thursday of October will be the annual meeting so the board’s decision to hold it on October 25, 2018, is consistent with the bylaws.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business:

Motion approved: that the meeting be adjourned 2:48 p.m.

Rick Flynn Linda Muth

President Executive Director