ROTARY CLUB OF CINCINNATI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING MINUTES

#### October 11, 2018

**1:30 p.m.**

### Hilton Hotel – Caprice I

### Rick Flynn, President

**MEMBERS:**

Rick Flynn, President P Brett Lebhar P

Jocile Ehrlich, Secr/Treasurer P Janet Burns E

Susan Wilkinson, Foundation President P Drew Emmert P

Al Koncius, Past President P Bryan Vielhauer P

Dave Carlin, President-Elect E Claudia Cagle E

John Fahrmeier, Foundation P Mary Ronan P

President-Elect (ex-officio) Ken Saunders E

Melinda Kelly P Sam Scoggins, Legal Advisor E

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

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

## 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 September 13, 2018, meeting be approved.

## Treasurer’s Report

Jocile Ehrlich presented the September 2018 financial statements.

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

**Concerning Membership: Classification Committee Report**

#### NEW PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

**OLIVER**, Dr. Rand L. \*Active

Line of Business: Education

Dean

Union Institute and University

Sponsor: Ute Päpke/Al Koncius

**REQUEST FOR TERMINATION**

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

**COOMER,** Charles V. \*No longer with company

Status: Corporate

Joined: 6/18/2016

Line of Business: Corporate (*Warsaw Federal*)

**SCHNELLER**, William A. \*Disinterest

Status: Senior Active

Joined: 5/23/2013

Line of Business: Real Estate, Commercial

**President Report** Rick thanked everyone for completing the committee process documentation.

**Executive Director Report**Linda Muth shared that billing was complete and three of the final outstanding invoices have been paid with one member resigning. Billing for January-June will done next month. Linda also shared that the auditors have completed their work and will share their findings with the Finance Committee on November 7, 2018. She will be meeting with the District Conference Committee at the end of the month. She also said she opened up our block of rooms at the Hamburg RI Convention to other large clubs and we were able to fill our block. Linda and DeAnn will be presenting at the District Membership Event in Middletown on November 7, 2018.

**Committee/Director Reports**

**Al Koncius – Club Executive Matters/Nominating Committee**

Al reported the following:

Per the club’s by-laws, the Board of Directors at their meeting on August 9, 2018, was presented a slate of candidates for new Directors and Officers for Rotary Year 2019-20 (effective July 1, 2019) by Past President, Al Koncius, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The slate of candidates is as follows:

Dave Carlin  – President

Brett Lebhar – President-Elect

Mary Ronan – Secretary-Treasurer

Tim Hershner – Director – 3-Year Term

Nancy Riesz – Director – 3-Year Term

Steve King – Director – 3 Year Term

Melinda Kelly – Director – 2 Year Term

The board members were instructed per Section 4.3 of the club by-laws, that any board member who desired to nominate one or more additional candidates must do so in writing, delivered to all other board members at least 14 days prior to the annual meeting of the board.  No such nominations were received and the slate of directors and officers was voted upon and approved unanimously by the board of directors at their meeting on September 13, 2018. The slate will, therefore, be presented to the club members for ratification at the annual meeting of the members on October 25, 2018.

**Melinda Kelly – Club Meetings**

Melinda reported that working with her committees to gather the information for the process reports has been a very positive experience. She also was able to get additional information regarding the Program Committee, including the members of the committee, since participation on this committee is by invitation only.

**Jocile Ehrlich – Club Operations/Classification**

See above for Classification report. Nothing new to report on Club Operations.

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

Membership Development met last month and the Roadmap to Success Membership Ambassador Program is going well. Rick Flynn shared that new members continue to come in at a slower pace, but this is not unusual for this time of year. Mary shared the Women in Rotary assembled art kits for Children’s Hospital as part of Emma’s Art Cart program in August and are planning to go to the Barn in Mariemont for a tile-painting event in November.

**Ken Saunders – New Members**

No Report.

**Drew Emmert – Member Engagement**Drew reported that Rick Findlay is doing well on the Membership Retention Committee and they continue to call members who have not attended luncheon meetings in a while. He also shared the Vocational Fellowship Committee was soliciting feedback from members at the October meetings. Linda Muth shared that the first Professional Development Series course is October 25th and that she had sent the brochure to Bill Shula to share with the District as we are opening these courses up to the members of the district.

**Bryan Vielhauer – Club Social Activitiesis**

Bryan reported the Day of the Races is tomorrow. The committee has worked to try different options to encourage more attendance for this event, but we fell short by a few tickets again this year. Bryan expressed the importance of keeping events like this going because so many of the long-time members look forward to it every year. The committee is going to look hard at moving it to a Saturday so more people can participate because few people can take a Friday off work to attend. Bowling and Euchre are both going strong and registration will be opening soon for the Red Lite Table Event on January 5, 2019.

**Susan Wilkinson – Foundation Matters**

Susan shared that the first 2019 Believe 2 Achieve meeting will be held next week. Susan encouraged all members of the board to respond to her letter requesting support for the foundation so she can report in the annual year-end ask letter that 100% of the foundation trustees have donated to our foundation. The club will need to vote at next month’s meeting to transfer the funds donated by Ira Abrahamson to the foundation. The trustees will then vote to accept those funds and place them into the Ira Abrahamson International Vision Screening Endowment Fund. Susan also reminded everyone of their responsibility to attend the foundation board meetings since being a trustee and attending the foundation meetings are part of their duties.

**Deborah Schultz – International Service**

Deborah shared that Ute Päpke has made a couple of announcements regarding giving to the Rotary International Foundation. Deborah also shared that the District is matching points given to RI but those donations must be processed by the district in order for the point transfer to take place. The World Affairs Committee presented their new project in Ghana at the September 27th club luncheon meeting. Members Toni and Baffour Otchere are planning a trip to the school in March. Four of the 5 schools have had solar panels installed and the fifth is happening today. Deborah and Nate Thomas were interviewed for an article about the Uganda Solar Village project. Once she receives a copy of it, she will share with Brett since it focuses on Nate as a UC graduate. No news to report on Youth Exchange, which is usually good news.

**Claudia Cagle – Community Service**

No Report.

**Brett Lebhar – Youth Service**

Brett reported Wes Botto and Jennifer McFarland did a great job at the Career Speed Dating event at UC. Brett also said he greatly appreciated the help of the board members at the event. They had eight high quality students participate and several have already reached out about learning more about UC Rotaract. Both the Community Rotaract and UC Rotaract committees are planning to participate in the Big College Event with the chamber. Interact continues to do well under the leadership of Madeleine La Jeunesse and a new Interact Club is being formed at Cincinnati Country Day with the help of Toni and Baffour Ottchere and their daughter.

**Janet Burns – Fundraising and Special Activities**

Linda Muth shared that Janet said there was nothing new to report on her committees.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business:

Motion approved: that the meeting be adjourned 2:28 p.m.

Rick Flynn Linda Muth

President Executive Director