ROTARY CLUB OF CINCINNATI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING MINUTES

#### March 14, 2019

**1:30 p.m.**

### Hilton Hotel – Julep Room

### Rick Flynn, President

**MEMBERS:**

Rick Flynn, President P Brett Lebhar P

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 (via phone) P Claudia Cagle P

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

## Call to Order President Rick Flynn called the meeting to order at 1:46 p.m.

## Approval of Minutes

## Motion Approved: that the minutes of the February 14, 2019, meeting be approved with the following changes: Claudia report, add “presented” on one committee. Rachel Loughry should be added to those members on Leave of Absence.

## Treasurer’s Report

Jocile Ehrlich presented the February 2019 financial statements.

Motion Approved: that the February 2019 financial statements be received.

**Concerning Membership: Classification Committee Report**

#### Classification Committee Report

#### NEW PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP

Motion Approved: that the new corporate member request be approved.

**NELSON**, Scott \*Corporate

Line of Business: Corporate Member

CEO

Comey & Shepherd

Sponsor: Judy Pogue/Jeff Weyer

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

**REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN STATUS**

**CALEY,** Debora A.

From: Active To: Corporate

Joined: 5/9/2005

Line of Business: Investment

**REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN LINE OF BUSINESS**

**CALEY,** Debora A.

From: Investment To: Corporate

Joined: 5/9/2005

**President Report**

Rick Flynn shared that yesterday we held a Past President breakfast at Kenwood Country Club. There were great positive comments about the gathering. We had 20+ Past Presidents in attendance. Dave Carlin shared that he was encouraged by the dialogue and interested in how we can get better as a club.

**Executive Director Report**Linda Muth shared concerns about the attendance of our members for the District Conference. Bryan Vielhauer suggested we set a goal of having 60 Rotarians at the conference. Mary Ronan suggested we have paper forms to register for the conference. Linda reviewed the outstanding invoices. There are only two. One will be sent a termination letter and the other is out of town and will be contacted when he returns.

**Committee/Director Reports**

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

Al Koncius shared that there will be a couple prospective member events in March as part of March Madness. A calendar of events will be sent out tomorrow with more details.

**Melinda Kelly – Club Meetings**

Melinda said she appreciated Jocile sending out the reminder about signing up for the meeting responsibilities through Sign-up. It is important for other clubs to hear about the things we have going on in our club.

**Jocile Ehrlich – Club Operations/Classification**

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

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

Women in Rotary event at the Irish Heritage Center tonight. There are 55 people signed up to attend.

**Ken Saunders – New Members**

Linda Muth shared Ken’s written report.

**New Member Orientation** – from Carl Kappes – there were three at the orientation on February 28 - the March New Member Orientation has been moved from March 28 to April 4 so as to not conflict with Opening Day

**New Member Reception** – from Larry Cunningham – the next NMR will be on March 26 – 24 new members have been invited

**New Member Project** – from Melody Weil - The spring new member project is in the planning stage.  Following 2 podium announcements, the kick off meeting was held on March 7th with 7 new members in attendance.  New member, Ken Coggeshall, volunteered to take the lead and has been discussing potential new member projects with other new members and reaching out to new members who did not attend the kick off meeting.  The next new member project planning meeting will be on April 4th following the Rotary luncheon.

**Roadmap to Success** – from Nancy Riesz - I am up-to-date assigning new member advisors. Waiting for next classification + board meetings + for latest applicants to be approved, then will assign them to NMA.

**Drew Emmert – Member Engagement**Drew said he contacted Rick Findlay and he feels the calls to people who are not attending are ineffective. He said Rick thought it might be better to only call on their birthdays. Susan Wilkinson said she feels that calling the members, even if leaving a voicemail message is a good thing. Bryan Vielhauer volunteered to make the calls for the next couple of months. The next neighborhood breakfast will be April 3rd at the Mariemont Inn and Past President Recognition is planned for May 2nd.

**Bryan Vielhauer – Club Social Activities**

Bryan reported that bowling continues to roll on. Euchre is looking for an April host. Linda and Bryan are looking to work together with the Lexington Rotary club on Day at the Races.

**Susan Wilkinson – Foundation Matters**

Susan shared that there was a full Believe 2 Achieve meeting will be at Anderson Pavilion yesterday. Rick Flynn and Al Koncius shared update on the Camp Allyn property discussion. Susan also asked all the board members to bring a top shelf bottle of liquor for baskets for the silent auction.

**Deborah Schultz – International Service**

Deborah shared an update on the solar project and received the signatures for the RI Global Grant. It now moves to the approval stage. Deborah mentioned the World Affairs committee needs to make the decision about the idea of starting a new project or working on the previous three projects next stages. Ariel Miller and Peter Baden want to take time off from the Rotary Youth Exchange committee so we will not be taking on any new inbound or outbound students this year.

**Claudia Cagle – Community Service**

No report.

**Brett Lebhar – Youth Service**

Brett reported on UC Rotaract. They did have a speed dating event. Community Rotaract continues to struggle. Only one prospective member attend. Colin Yeakle and Brett are talking about other options. RYLA has been going well. They have five student from 5 different high schools. Interact students will be attending the District Conference. The Four Way speech contest went extremely well. He said we had some great Marketing opportunities through these activities that we can leverage for advertising our clubs. Linda received a notice from Radio One about a 30 under 30 nominee. Brett shared his suggestion to nominate Kelly Shough for the club’s nominee.

**Janet Burns – Fundraising and Special Activities**

Janet shared the update on the success of the Lip Sync contest. Linda stressed the importance of this being an engagement event for the club. Janet asked the board members to consider sponsoring a meeting.

**Dave Carlin – President-Elect**

Dave Carlin shared the information on the Marketing RFP. He also shared a couple of statistics that were shared with the Past Presidents at breakfast yesterday. A discussion was held about the percentage of women and young professionals in our club…we are right in the middle as compared to other clubs.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Rick shared that a member, Bill Shula, suggested that the board of directors consider Bob Herzog for an honorary membership because of his commitment to the Jefferson Awards for multiple years.

Motion Approved: that the club board of directors award Bob Herzog an Honorary Membership in the club in recognition of his contributions to our organization.

Rick Flynn shared a complaint received by a member about one of our members. An extensive conversation was held about the complaint.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business:

Motion approved that the meeting be adjourned 3:30 p.m.

Rick Flynn Linda Muth

President Executive Director