

ROTARY CLUB OF CINCINNATI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2021

1:30 PM – Rookwood Room and Zoom

Brett Lebhar, President

MEMBERS:

Brett Lebhar, President - P

Carl Kappes, Foundation President – P

Ken Saunders – Secretary-Treasurer – E

Melinda Kelly, President-Elect – P (via Zoom)

Dave Carlin, Past President – P

Scott Hoberg – P

Molly Reidel - P

Steve King – P

Larry Cunningham – P

Mark Romito – P (via Zoom)

Kelly Mahan – E

Tim Hershner – E

Nancy Riesz – P

Steve Rogers – P

Ali Hussain, President-Elect Foundation (ex officio – non-voting) – A

Sam Scoggins, Legal Advisor to the Board (ex officio – non-voting) – E

Doug Bolton, and Bill Stille incoming 2021-22 Rotary year board members (non-voting)

(P=Present, E=Excused, A=Absent)

Call to Order

President Brett Lebhar called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Muth shared the April 2021 financial statements.

Motion Approved: that the April 2021 financial statements be received.

Approval of Minutes

Motion Approved: that the minutes of the April 8, 2021, be approved with the following changes: page three, remove sentence 3 in Steve Roger's report and change "the" to "that" and "Allie" to "Ali" in first sentence in Carl Kappes' report.

Concerning Membership: Classification Committee Report

Classification Committee Report

Classification Committee report.

NEW PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Motion Approved: that the following prospective members be approved for membership:

GARBSCH, Margaret A. "Margee"

Line of Business: Education, K-12

Director of Communications & Marketing

DePaul Cristo Rey High School

*Active (Corp Membership)

Sponsor: Rick Flynn

HARTMANN, Vincent T.
Line of Business: Construction, Specialized
Project Manager
Belfor Property Restoration
Sponsor: Dan Long

*Senior Active
(returning member)

TAYLOR, Siobhan A.
Line of Business: Corporate
President/CEO
DePaul Cristo Rey High School
Sponsor: Rick Flynn

*Corporate Member

WALTERS, John T.
Line of Business: Banking
Vice President, Senior SBA BDD
First Commonwealth Bank
Sponsor: Rick Flynn

*Active – YP

WALTON, Gary
Line of Business: Museums/Zoos
Founder
Cincinnati Type & Print Museum
Sponsor: Dan Long

*Active

WORLEY, Sparkle
Line of Business: Education, K-12
Vice President of Advancement
DePaul Cristo Rey High School
Sponsor: Rick Flynn

*Active (Corp Membership)

REQUEST FOR TERMINATION

Motion Approved: that the following request for termination be approved with regret:
Note: Mary Helen request for termination was received earlier in the year.

RICHER, Mary Helen
Status: Active
Joined 6/26/2018

*Disinterest

President Report

President Brett shared that \$4800 in gift certificates had been donated by Club members for our Save Local/B2A Campaign, and that our Club will provide \$5200 in matching funds (from our members' unused February 2021 lunch moneys, plus some additional money from our discretionary fund) which will bring our Club's campaign total to an even \$10,000. Discretionary funds have been used this year for our Fruit Bowl Program at St. Joseph Catholic Church School. Brett proposed that the Board approve \$3600 for our June 19, 2021, environment sustainability project at Gamble Montessori Elementary School, and also \$2200 to purchase tents to help the start-up of a farmers market in the West End (a food desert) this summer. Brett updated the Board on the good progress on the 2021-22 budget process. And, he also shared that the location of the June 24, 2021 "Thank You" Dinner for the Board will be the Lytle Park Hotel.

Motion Approved: to fund \$3600 for our June 19, 2021, environment sustainability project at Gamble Montessori Elementary School, and also \$2200 to purchase tents to help the start-up of a farmers market in the West End (a food desert) this summer.

Executive Director Report

Linda Muth shared an update on the Large Club Conference. She also said that invoices for the July-December billing cycle would be going out in the next few weeks. She also shared information regarding the Hilton lunch cost negotiations, which will be finalized prior to the 2021-22 budget is presented at next month's board meeting.

President-Elect Report

Melinda Kelly shared Presidents-Elect Training began in October, facilitated by District 6670 Governor Elect, Carol Hughes, and her team. The sessions, which ended in April, proved to be very informative and included detailed and in-depth Rotary International coursework related to our upcoming President's role. Due to the pandemic, all of our sessions were online. As was shared previously, Melinda also attended the Presidents-Elect sessions at the Large Club Conference (LLC) - virtually - in February. There was a wealth of information shared there/

In keeping with our Strategic Plan, the 2019 Club Survey and to maintain continuity, Melinda began to review - very specifically - Committee Chairperson's Roles for 2021-2022. This planning was pertinent because of the number of committees we have and in order for - as much as possible - a seamless transition in July.

In preparation for next year, Melinda has been collaborating with District 6670 personnel - and members of Club 17 - regarding reviewing and possibly updating some Club and District policies and procedures.

Several committee members and Melinda have been diligently working to ensure continuity of three major areas of focus related to Hands-on Service for next year. Bill Stille, Hux Miller and others are continuing to work on 'now' and plan for 'future collaboration' with Imago and Green Umbrella.

Melinda is continuing to work with Linda, Kristy and DeAnn, along with General Recruitment & Marketing Committee Chair - Dan Long as we plan together and move forward with membership, reviewing past activities and confirming upcoming events and dates.

Registering for the Rotary Virtual Convention 2021 was seamless, and she is looking forward to attending. Working very closely with President Brett, she is moving forward preparing for 2021-2022, while keeping very close sight of our Club finishing 'strong' in 2021. With July 1 being less than two full months away, she has been getting numerous calls, texts, email messages - from others in the US and from out of the country - with some meetings being requested as well. It continues to be fun and exciting times in Rotary!

President Nominee – Nominating Committee Report

President Nominee, Steve King, shared his selection for the four at-large nominating committee candidates: Janet Burns, Mary Brandstetter, Fred Fischer, and Bryan Vielhauer. Linda Muth voiced concern that three of the 4 at-large nominating committee members were past board members, two of them having just served last year. The main objection to the new process of electing board members was that the board could in effect, elect itself, so the four at-large members were seen as outsiders representing the interest of the non-board members of the club. It was decided to ask Fred

Fischer to step aside and ask Marissa Hollander to serve since she has not been a member of the board of directors.

Motion Approved: That the slate of candidates for the at-large members of the nominating committee presented by President Nominee, Steve King, of Janet Burns, Mary Brandstetter, Marissa Hollander, and Bryan Vielhauer be approved.

Committee/Director Reports

Dave Carlin – Corporate Membership

Dave Carlin shared that the Corporate Roundtable members are planning to meet on Friday, May 14, 2021, to primarily solidify the pandemic survey questions. The plan is to send the survey to all Rotarians by May 26, 2021. The due date for the survey will be June 16, 2021, and will be meeting again to review the survey results. They will be having a panel discussion at a Thursday luncheon in July.

Tim Hershner – International Service

Linda Muth shared Tim's report on International Service.

Uganda

There are some problems with the batteries being released for the solar panels. They are ready to start at the Prajna School then move forward to the next school. Currently, according to RI, there are no global grants for environment and the information remains vague. However, they feel if the assessment is strong and sustainable, RI is likely to fund it.

Madagascar

The Madagascar team has shared a lot of information about their project. Barb has done a great job translating the info from French to English. Although the project got off to a late start due to COVID-19 (August 2020). An update for RI was required, which has been delivered to Brett, WAC, and RI. They are 30% complete with their project goals, 62% of the funds have been disbursed, and Barb will continue to give updates. Currently, air travel is forbidden to Madagascar. They will cross that bridge of a site visit being required by RI when they get to it, due to the pandemic. It was mentioned the president of RI and his wife have had C-19 but have recovered to their knowledge.

Ghana

Ghana is moving forward for the coming year to service 3 schools and 2 medical clinics. The plan to provide for 850 plus students by providing dual-desk, bookcases, paint interior/exterior of the schools, train the community, administrators and school on CPR, etc. Their financial goal is \$40,000. They plan to travel to Ghana **before July 2022** depending on the pandemic; if not, the project will be handled from the US.

Up to date, we have not received any proposals for the money the WAC has therefore, it was suggested to possibly use it for the current international project. It was mentioned to consider looking for international trips that require less travel time—for example Guatemala or Mexico. It was also mentioned this would be a great suggestion to offer to the club, Interact, and Rotaract.

Great news, the endowment funds is now \$50,676.73 as of 4/22/21, meaning it can be tapped for 5%. Currently, we have \$7,036 set aside for Ghana that was donated and \$4,594.78 for projects for a total of 11,631.13 and \$2000 odd dollars for International/Domestic projects similar to the Mandela project a couple of years ago when the students came to speak.

It was agreed upon for Chuck M. to invite a speaker from Vivoblu on 5/27. They do low-cost ultrafilter water projects that clean water. The cost is \$35 to \$60 with the bucket. They would spend 20 minutes

speaking to the WAC. The next WAC meeting is 5/27/21.

Mark Romito – Membership Engagement

Member Retention - Committee is making birthday phone calls and hosted a Neighborhood Coffee on April 20 for about 11 Rotarians.

Women in Rotary - Women in Rotary hosted the Rotary meeting last week commemorating the 34th anniversary of women in Rotary and coordinated a clothing drive in support of Dress for Success.

Rotarians at Work Committee – Committee is still thinking about what kind of activity they can have given the current environment.

Young Professionals- No change since last report.

Rotary After Hours - Committee coordinated a get together at Taft Brewporium on April 30th and about 30 people attended. They are looking at possibly doing another outing in June.

Scott Hoberg – Fundraising and Fun

Scott reported that the club fundraiser was cancelled for the year due to the pandemic. Split the pot is going well with the large pot growing to \$700+ this month.

Kelly Mahan – Community Service

No report.

Steve King – Youth Services

Steve reported that the District decided they will host a RYLA camp this fall. Marissa Hollander and next year's chair, Eric Pettway, are looking to recruit at least two students. Scott Hoberg suggested contacting our new corporate member, DePaul Cristo Rey High School, to see if they could help in identifying candidates.

Steve Rogers – Club Meetings

Steve reported Al Koncius will be taking over for Doug Bolton on the Program Committee. Programs are booked through the end of this Rotary year. Music is going to transition as the COVID restrictions are lifted. Susan Snodgrass has done a great job as the greeters chair.

Carl Kappes

Carl shared the next foundation meeting is on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, via Zoom. There is a meeting on Monday at Camp Allyn to discuss the maintenance issues on the buildings on the property recently acquired. Linda Muth shared the details of the Believe 2 Achieve fundraiser on August 7, 2021, and asked board members to contact Carl if they are interested in sponsoring/attending the event.

Melinda Kelly – Membership Development

Melinda reported DeAnn Fleming is updating the spreadsheet of prospective members. Dan Long and Lisa Blaney Gasaway have begun checking prospective members' status and are making appropriate follow up calls and sending email messages. Lisa's focus and concentration efforts - for now - will be LinkedIn in the specific areas of connection and activity. She plans to begin working on Facebook once she gains traction' on LinkedIn.

Nancy Riesz - Onboarding

Linda Muth shared Nancy's report. Dan Ricciardi and DeAnn continue to work with new members as they are approved for membership. Barbara Dickerson has rolled the new member project into the recent hands on service projects.

Molly Reidel – Club Social Activities

Molly shared that the social events are beginning to happen again. Bob and Joyce McElroy hosted the Euchre Group in April and they had 24 attendees. Nancy and Jerry Riesz are hosting May's event. Gary Kindell said bowlers are meeting on May 19, 2021, to discuss plans for resuming the league.

Larry Cunningham – Special Activities

Larry shared that the picnic committee will have their first meeting tomorrow. Co-Chairs, Angie Ferguson, Chris Adams, and Owen Wrassman have agreed to stay on again for the 2021-22 Rotary year. Balloon rides will be happening this year. The final Professional Series course was held today, led by Terry Dean and was well received.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Brett Lebhar shared an update to the strategic plan. He and Melinda adjusted the number of new members to be added to 15 versus 35 in January. The good news is we've already exceeded the adjusted number.

Brett Lebhar shared a note from member, Mary Smiley, about how much she appreciated the efforts of the Women in Rotary Committee for the Dress for Success event.

Adjournment

There being no further business:

Motion approved: that the meeting be adjourned 3:31 p.m.

Brett Lebhar
President

Linda Muth
Executive Director