

ROTARY CLUB OF CINCINNATI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Jan. 13, 2022, Salon H & Zoom

Melinda Kelly, President, presiding

MEMBERS:

Melinda Kelly, President (2023) - P Steve King, President-Elect (2024) – P
Ali Hussain, Foundation Pres. (2022) – E Brett Lebhar, Past President (2022) – E
Doug Bolton – Secretary-Treasurer (2022) – P
Larry Cunningham (2023) – P Tim Hershner (2022) – P
Kelly Mahan (2024) – P Toni Otchere (2024) – P
Molly Reidel (2024) - P Nancy Riesz (2022) – E
Steve Rogers (2023) – P Mark Romito (2023) – P
Bill Stille (2022) - P
Owen Wrassman, President-Elect Foundation (2023) (ex officio – non-voting) – E
Sam Scoggins, Legal Advisor to the Board (2022) (ex officio – non-voting) – E
(P=Present, E=Excused, A=Absent)

President Melinda Kelly called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

Consent Agenda. Motion made for approval. Seconded. Several corrections were suggested for the minutes and consent agenda. Motion approved.

Old Business. Motion was made to use the new Child Photo Release Form when we need a minor-child photo release. Seconded. Discussion reflected conversation about the differences between using photos on Facebook vs. our website for marketing. Further policy clarifications may be made in the future. Motion approved.

New Business.

Motion was made to adopt the bylaw change to Section 4.3 to have the new Secretary-Treasurer join the board in an ex-officio capacity after election as proposed. Seconded. Motion approved.

The proposed changes to the Employee Handbook were tabled. President Melinda asked any member to send her feedback on any of the proposed

changes. The Rotary office will provide formatting and page numbers to the current draft, and will submit the handbook for approval at a future meeting.

A motion was made to accept the proposed consulting agreement with Linda Muth, provided the President is the only person authorized to approve the hours and the hours shall be approved by the President before they are incurred. Seconded. Motion approved.

A motion was made to accept the classification committee report, approved Jan. 13, 2022, at 11 a.m. (too late for the consent agenda) recommending the acceptance of five new members. Seconded. Motion approved.

Office Report. Executive Director Sara Pattison said Cincinnati Bell has a call forwarding feature that will allow the office staff to forward the phones to their cell phones. There was discussion about the current policy of only announcing to the club through email the death of a member; the deaths/illnesses/happy events of members and member relatives or significant others are announced through social media and the "Family of Rotary" link in the club's newsletter. There was discussion about whether this was sufficient communication. The discussion reiterated that the club's current policy will continue. But if other concerns are raised in the future, the issue will be considered again.

Member Discussion.

A member expressed appreciation for the club moving to a virtual format in January to protect the health of members.

Member Kelly Mahan reported on the work of the ad-hoc committee on internal Rotary reporting and membership invoicing systems of which she chairs. Kelly said she is investigating additional functionalities of existing Rotary systems, in addition to the software the committee had chosen last year. The committee will make a recommendation to club leadership by the end of January.

There was discussion about the Golden Days manual and membership directory, and club staff reported that updates are being made and will be distributed soon.

President's Report. President Melinda reminded members to begin preparing their reports for the Feb. 17 club assembly, and to send those to Sara. The Four-Way speech competition will occur Feb. 24, and the corporate roundtable will hold its next panel in early April or early May. The board reviewed members who had not paid, and distributed names to have board members follow up. The list of unpaid members is the lowest in history, and President Melinda was able to narrow the list through calls from 14 to 9. President Melinda reported she has

been trying to reach the family of deceased member Jack Horner to schedule a memorial.

At 2:54 p.m., a motion was made for adjournment. It was seconded. Motion approved.