ROTARY CLUB OF CINCINNATI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING MINUTES

#### July 8, 2021

#### 1:30 PM – Salons H and I and Zoom

### Melinda Kelly, President

**MEMBERS:**

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

Ali Hussain, Foundation President –- P Brett Lebhar, Past President – P

Doug Bolton – Secretary-Treasurer – P

Larry Cunningham – P Tim Hershner – E

Kelly Mahan – P (via Zoom) Toni Otchere – P

Molly Reidel - P Nancy Riesz – P

Steve Rogers – P Mark Romito – P

Bill Stille - P

Owen Wrassman, President-Elect Foundation (ex officio – non-voting) – P

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

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

## Call to Order President Melinda Kelly called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m.

## Treasurer’s Report

Doug Bolton shared the DRAFT of June 2021 financial statements.

Motion Approved: that the DRAFT of June 2021 financial statements be received.

## Approval of Minutes

## Motion Approved: see handwritten notes

**Concerning Membership: Classification Committee Report**

#### Classification Committee Report

**HEROUX**, Shannon \*Active

Line of Business: Insurance  
Vice President, Business and Market Development  
Medical Mutual

Sponsor: Julie Poyer

**MEGUIRE**, TracyN. \*Active   
Line of Business: Financial Services, Diversified

Owner

Thrive Companies LLC

Sponsor: Dan Long

**OKOTIE**, Fred O. \*Active  
Line of Business: Healthcare

Director

Homefront Nursing

Sponsor: Dan Long

**REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN STATUS**

Motion Approved: that the following request for change in status be approved:

**RAAB**, Kerry J.

From Status: Active-YP To: Status: Rotaract/YP  
Age: under 30

Start Date: 8/17/2019

**REQUEST FOR TERMINATION**

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

**BEHRMANN**, Bridget \*Family Obligations  
Status: Active  
Joined 9/19/2020

Line of Business: Public Society Benefit

Sponsor: Melinda Kelly

**GRUENBERG**, Dan \*Business Change  
Status: Active - YP  
Joined 6/17/2017

Line of Business: Entertainment

Sponsor: Dan Long

**HARPER**, Sheri \*Business Change

Status: Active

Joined: 6/26/2018

Line of Business: Retail, Soft Goods  
Sponsor: Jack Scott

**HORWITZ**, Marc \*Family Obligations  
Status: Senior Active  
Joined: 7/28/2005  
Line of Business: Investment  
Sponsor: Mike Roth (no longer Cincinnati Rotarian)

**HORWITZ**, Patty \*Family Obligations  
Status: Active – Spouse  
Joined: 6/29/2015  
Line of Business: Services, Residential  
Sponsor: Marc Horwitz  
  
**LEWIS**, Victoria \*Business Obligations  
Status: Active  
Joined: 3/21/2020  
Line of Business: Retail, Soft Goods  
Sponsor: Toni Otchere

**MOUSSA**, Nadim \*Personal/Attendance  
Status: Senior Active  
Joined: 9/23/1993

Line of Business: Distribution, Business to Business  
Sponsor: Al Campbell (no longer Cincinnati Rotarian)

**SCROGGINS**, Dan \*Attendance  
Status: Active  
Joined: 2/22/2020  
Line of Business: Insurance  
Sponsor: Brett Lebhar

**SWONGER**, Roger E. \*Business Transfer

Status: Active – YP

Joined: 11/30/2019  
Line of Business: Hospitality

Sponsor: Brett Lebhar

**WALTERS** (aka Poulimenos), Mary Beth \*Club Transfer  
Status: Active  
Joined: 1/8/2009  
Line of Business: Retail, Hard Goods  
Sponsor: Carlos Reid (no longer Cincinnati Rotarian)/Tom Lippert (deceased)

**REQUEST FOR LUNCH LEAVE**

Motion Approved: that the following requests for lunch leave be approved:

**BILOTT,** Robert (Rob)

Second Leave Request Attendance/Business  
Start Date: 4/28/2018

**DAVIS**, Zaria

Third Leave Request Attendance/COVID  
Start Date: 1/20/2018

**President Report**

Melinda Kelly welcomed the board to the new Rotary year especially the new members Toni Otchere, Bill Stille, and Doug Bolton. She also shared and discussed the Strategic Plan that was developed from the member survey and SWAT analysis. It is a multiple year plan and will adjust as necessary throughout this year. She also shared key points in an article on Leadership from the *Harvard Review*. RI President, Shekhar Mehta’s, initiatives include empowering girls and growing the number of members in RI. Nancy Riesz said the latest edition of the *Rotarian Magazine* had a great article on Shekhar.

**Executive Director Report**Linda Muth shared we already have over 80 hotel rooms booked for the Large Club Conference in October. She asked that all the board members put the dates of 0ctober 13-16, 2021, on their calendars as she will be relying on them for their assistance. She also shared an update on the July-December member billing and there are less than usual number of outstanding invoices. She will bring those names before the board in August so they can be contacted by the board members. Melinda Kelly and Linda conducted the Committee Chair Orientation after the changing of the guard meeting. Linda let the board know the foundation audit and club review with Clark Schaefer and Hackett is scheduled to begin on September 20, 2021.

**Committee/Director Reports**

**Bill Stille – Community Service**

Bill Stille shared the Hands on Service Committee is being led by Hux Miller and they have already scheduled projects for July and through the fall with Gamble Montessori, Matthew 25 Ministries, and Lower Mill Creek Clean-up projects planned for July. The Fruit Bowl project is set to resume in the fall.

**Mark Romito – Membership Engagement**

* Member Retention – Committee is having an organizational meeting today.
* Rotarians at Work – October 28th has been reserved for the relaunch of Rotarians at Work. Details are to be determined.
* Rotary After Hours – One of our Chairpersons (Dan Gruenberg) had to resign. I discussed the Committee with Steve Rosenzweig and agreed to help find him some help.
* Young Professionals – Committee will meet and get something on the calendar soon.
* Women in Rotary – New committee chairs will plan an organization meeting soon.

**Brett Lebhar – Corporate Membership**

Brett Lebhar shared the details of the Corporate Roundtable panel on July 22, 2021. He also shared the goal of the committee is to have a net three new corporate members this year.

**Kelly Mahan – Club Social Activities**

Day at the Races will be October 22nd and the Golf Outing will be September 10th. The Bowling League will be starting in October and Gary Kindell is looking to put together the teams. Linda Muth asked Steve Rogers to have Gary submit an article for the ERays that we can also post on Facebook to recruit new bowlers.

**Steve King – Youth Service**

Steve shared an update on RYLA that they will hold the event in the fall and the plan is to recommend as many of the students from last year to attend this year as well as new applications. Erin Foche is excited to be in the role of chair for Interact and is in communication with the past chair. No report from Youth Exchange. The Rotaract clubs Alexia Otchere and Corbin and Mackenzie are looking to engage with our members to increase their membership numbers.

**Steve Rogers – Club Meetings**

Al Koncius is over Programs and is on autopilot. Marietta Wade is going to continue as the virtual Zoom greeter for Thursday meetings.

**Ali Hussain – Foundation Matters**

Ali Hussain shared that he and Owen Wrassman were discussing moving to two grant cycles instead of three. Asset Management meeting will be held on July 28, 2021, and the Foundation meeting will be on July 21, 2021. Ali also reported the sub chairs of Believe 2 Achieve will be meeting soon to discuss B2A 2022.

**Molly Reidel – Membership Development**

Molly shared she had scheduled a meeting with DeAnn and Dan Long to review the membership development plan for this Rotary year.

**Nancy Riesz - Onboarding**Roadmap to Success: Transition has successfully passed on to Mike Schmidt. Mike has met with both Dan Ricciardi (outgoing chair, Melinda Kelly and DeAnn Fleming on a Zoom meeting and with me to prepare him for his role as chair of this crucial committee. Mike has “shadowed” Dan as Dan set up New Member Advisors for new members. Dan is assisting Mike as he sends all the necessary emails to new members during July. Mike also will be including NMA’s on the information about Orientation so they can attend also to support the new member they will be advising. Mike has also started the process for the next Sticker Tearing Off ceremony set for 8/5/21. Presently six new members are eligible for this event.

New Member Project: Next New Member project slated for October. Barbara will send emails out in September to start the process for this project.

New Member Orientation: Susan Snodgrass, incoming Chair, attended the New Member Orientation on Thursday, 7/8/21, to observe how Russell handles the process. Susan and I have also talked about the process for new members and plan to move the New Member Orientation back to the 4th Thursday of the month, so they have had Orientation prior to their official start.

**Larry Cunningham – Special Activities**

Larry shared that the picnic committee has set the date of August 28, 2021, for this year. Owen, Angie, and Chris will be meeting next Friday. Balloon rides are underway and Mark Soupene has them running smoothly. Russell Smith is the new chair of the Professional Development Series.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business:

Motion approved: that the meeting be adjourned 3:29 p.m.

Brett Lebhar Linda Muth

President Executive Director