**ROTARY CLUB OF CINCINNATI
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

Oct. 21, 2021, Julep Room

Melinda Kelly, President, presiding

**MEMBERS:**

Melinda Kelly, President - P Steve King, President-Elect – P

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

Doug Bolton – Secretary-Treasurer – P

Larry Cunningham – A Tim Hershner – A

Kelly Mahan – P Toni Otchere – P

Molly Reidel - P Nancy Riesz – E

Steve Rogers – A Mark Romito – P

Bill Stille - P

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

Sam Scoggins, Legal Advisor to the Board (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. There was no discussion. Motion approved.

**Old Business.**

There was discussion about RYLA. It was decided that a motion is not needed to be approved by the board unless spending outside of what was budgeted is required.

Linda reported that the final accounting for the Large Club Conference is nearly complete, and that it appears the club will not need to access any of the $70K set aside for conference expenses. A wrap-up email will be sent soon. Melinda thanked Linda and all the board members for their assistance in making it a great conference.

Doug reported that the finance committee will be meeting Nov. 2 to review the audit and review with Clark Schaefer Hackett & Co. Linda warned that accounting expenses will be higher in the next month due to our bookkeeper pinch-hitting for Linda while Linda was away from the office.

**New Business.**

Brett reviewed the annual meeting results.

Linda recommended board members make a special effort to attend the Ghana School fundraising campaign kick-off on Nov. 10.

There was discussion about the new-member adviser initiative and the challenges being faced in recruiting volunteers for it.

Melinda reminded the board to lead the way in the final weeks of 2021 in inviting prospective members to meetings.

**Board Member Comments.**

Bill Stille relayed feedback from a member that being “a club 17 member is expensive.” Bill asked about other dues structures to alleviate these concerns. Linda reviewed a history of dues option discussions and membership classifications.

Kelly Mahan reported that she was able to get the fee waived for changing administrators for our new membership database. This means Linda can begin the set-up, and the transfer can happen at the appropriate time.

**President’s Comments.**

Melinda thanked the board for all that each member is doing. And she expressed appreciation for Linda and the answered prayers about the condition of Linda’s husband. A celebration of Linda’s service will take place Nov. 18 after the board meeting.

Melinda provided an update on the search for Linda’s successor.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business at 2:30 p.m., a motion was made to adjourn. Motion approved.

Minutes submitted to:

Melinda Kelly Linda Muth

President Executive Director

By: Doug Bolton, Secretary/Treasurer