

# ROTARY CLUB OF CINCINNATI

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

### MINUTES

July 14, 2016

5:00 p.m.

Rookwood Room – Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza

Jack Scott, President

#### MEMBERS:

Jack Scott, President	P	Julie Poyer	P
Dave Carlin, Secy/Treasurer	P	Giff Blaylock	P
Don Keller, Foundation President	P	Janet Metzelaar	P
Bud Dornette, Past President	P	Jocile Erlich	P
Al Koncius, President-Elect	P	Rick Flynn	P
Marc Horwitz	P	Chris Pfetzer	P
Mary Beth Poulimenos	P	Deborah Schultz	P

**Also Present:** Linda Muth, Executive Director and Rotary Club Members Sam Schutte and Russell Smith

#### Call to Order

President Jack Scott called the meeting to order at 5:24 p.m.

Sam Schutte and Mary Beth Poulimenos shared an update on the YP Grant that was awarded by Rotary International. Russell Smith shared the concept of a Peace Walk in Cincinnati coordinating the event with the Freedom Center. Club Board Members will send potential attendees and contact information for YP organizations to Sam within one week. Sam will compile a list and within two weeks report a plan of action for reaching out to those contacts.

Dave Carlin presented the June 2016 financial statements.

Motion Approved: that the June 2016 financial statements be received.

#### Approval of Minutes

Motion Approved: that the minutes of the June 9, 2016, meeting be approved.

#### Concerning Membership: Classification Committee Report

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

#### REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN STATUS

FINN, Philip  
From: Active  
Start Date: 1/27/2000

To : Senior Active

Motion Approved: that the following request for a leave of absence be approved.

### **REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**SCHNELLER**, William  
Status: Active  
Joined: 5/23/2013

\*Work obligations

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

### **REQUEST TERMINATION**

**SCHRAGE**, Robert  
Status: Active  
Line of Business: Consulting, General  
Executive Services Corps of Cincinnati  
Joined: 2/20/2016

\*Work obligations

**SMITH**, Jamie D.  
Status: Active  
Line of Business: Media  
Cincinnati Business Courier  
Joined: 3/15/2012

\*Work obligations

**THOMSON**, Douglas  
Status: Active  
Line of Business: Law Practice  
Frost Brown Todd LLC  
Joined: 3/20/1996

\*Work obligations

### **Executive Director Report**

Linda Muth shared the list of members who are past due in paying their July-December invoice. The board members volunteered to contact these members to clear up these remaining outstanding receivables. Linda also shared that the insurance claim from the electrical incident had been resolved and that \$6,677.99 of the expenses were reimbursed with the club being responsible for the \$500 deductible.

### **President Report**

President Jack Scott asked if the board members would attend Trilogy on September 7, 2016. He also wanted to see if we can submit one article a month to the District Newsletter. This is Rotary International's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary so they are looking for support/donations from each club to go along with the celebration in Atlanta. Jack shared information about the upcoming Zone 30/31 Institute.

### **Committee/Director Reports**

#### **Dave Carlin – Membership Development**

Dave Carlin reported that Membership Engagement met today and Nancy Riesz has assembled a great team. Membership Development is being chaired by Rich Dineen. Craig Roberts is chairing general recruitment, Rick Flynn is chairing Corporate and the third component is YP recruitment, which not much will happen with until after the Peace Summit. Dave pulled together a group to discuss our YP membership and a survey was sent to our young professionals on Wednesday.

President Jack Scott brought up for discussion the potential membership of Melinda Kelly, who is the wife of the current District Governor, Mike Kelly. She would like to come in as a spouse membership.

Motion Approved: that an exception be made to our spouse membership program to allow Melinda Kelly to become a member under the spouse program as her husband is our current District Governor.

### **Marc Horwitz**

Marc Horwitz reported on his committees. Doug Bolton has programs scheduled out through year end. Tim Bayer, Jim Crowley, and Drew Emmert are scheduling members for meeting duties. Kay Atkins is working with the Chorus on arranging for performances,

### **Julie Poyer- Club Membership**

Julie Poyer reported that the Women 2 Women Committee Chairs, Ute Papke and Kay Atkins, are working to develop new events. They will continue with the Making Strides walk event in October and Michelle Devine is excited to head up this event this year. She will create a Rotary team for members to join and will request podium time for announcements. Kay and Ute are looking for more events designed for men and women. They are looking into Rotary International for a Peace Scholar to speak at the club. Julie has suggested the founder of the Girls with Pearls program in the Cincinnati Public Schools as a speaker. She will be meeting with Kay and Ute in the next two weeks to develop a vision for the committee.

### **Rick Flynn**

Sean Dennedy and Claudia Cagel will be working to schedule the New Member project. Ken Saunders will once again be managing and delivering the New Member Orientation. Jim Klaserner is chairing the New Member Reception Committee and they are set for October 4, 2016 and March 21, 2017.

### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

Mary Beth Poulimenos asked if the club was doing anything for Tammy Young, a member who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Linda Muth shared that a card has been circulating at meetings and she had purchased a pillow to send to her as well. Linda will follow-up with Ute to find out where we are with getting those to Tammy.

Past-President, Bud Dornette, said the Nominating Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks. Bud asked that board members send him or Jack Scott their suggestions for board positions.

The board discussed if we should add number of years a member has been in another club to number they are recognized as members of our club. Linda Muth raised the concern that Rotary International records are incomplete so we have no way to verify when someone who has been a member for an extended time actually joined. Jack Scott felt we should leave it up to the member to tell us the correct number and the board agreed. Linda will make the change in the program for the June recognition program and let those that have questioned the policy in the past know immediately.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business: Motion approved: that the meeting be adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Bud Dornette  
President

Linda Muth  
Executive Director

## **DIRECTOR SUBMITTED WRITTEN REPORTS**

### **Giff Blaylock (Club Operations)**

**Budget and Audit Committee – Glenn McEachern and Todd Kist:** I will be reaching out to Glenn and Todd before next month's meeting.

**Strategic Planning – Susan Wilkinson:** I will be reaching out to Susan before next month's meeting.

### **Jocile Ehrlich (Fundraising and Special Activities)**

**Split the Pot - Bob McElroy** - STP continues to generate good participation and a respectable revenue stream to support membership efforts. We can generally count on \$50+ dollars/wk; more as the deck gets smaller.

**Meeting Sponsorships - Jack Berger** - He's just getting started with this effort and has generated a list of prospects. He'll cross reference this list with Linda to remove those that may have recently sponsored. This has not been an overwhelming success in the past so our goal for the short term is modest; 2 per month until we can build up momentum. Board members take note - you're on the short list.

### **Don Keller (Foundation Matters)**

The 2016 Believe 2 Achieve event was a success with a gross amount raised of over \$145,000. It was a beautiful evening with almost 400 people in attendance. Final costs are being calculated and a check presentation to the three supported organizations will occur at a Club meeting later this summer. U.S. Bank announced before the evening started that they will again be the presenting sponsor for the 2017 B2A event which will occur on June 24, 2017. Fred Fischer and Don Keller will be co-chairs for next year's event. We need everyone's support to make this a successful evening so starting thinking now about companies who you know that would be willing to become sponsors, start thinking about putting together your own table, start thinking about what you can do to contribute to the success of our signature event.

Foundation Committee Chairs for the 2016-2017 year are:

President: Don Keller

President-Elect: Fred Fischer

Asset Management: Al Koncius

Allocations: Janet Burns

Governance: Susan Wilkinson

Legacy Circle: Steve Rogers

Camp Allyn: Fred Fischer

**Janet Metzelaar (Community Service)** – No Report Submitted

**Chris Pfetzer (Youth Service)** – Report Submitted 7/13/16

Interact-Madeline Lajeunesse - School is out for summer, club to reconvene in Aug

RYLA-Gretchen Finniff - March 2017 contest, no update

4-Way Speech Contest-Brett Lebhar/Russell Smith - March 2017 contest, no update

Rotaract-UC-Vickie Hunter/Shirley Love - Update provided in Aug BOD mtg

Rotaract-Community-Sam Schutte - Update provided in Aug BOD mtg

Tutoring-Cyd Alper-Sedgwick - Update provided in Aug BOD mtg

**Mary Beth Poulimenos (Club Social Activities)** – Report Submitted 7/13/16

Our first after hours for the year is Friday, at Pete and Carol Badens. We skip August, but are set with Ute and Hans Papke on Sept 9 (date needs office clearance). No one yet for November, January, March, or May.

Deborah E. Schultz (International Service)

**World Community Service – Don Olinger** - At the June 30 Meeting there were two presentations for projects for Nigeria.

- Dayton Rotary Nigeria Project was awarded \$2125 to support a septic system for the Nvosi School in Abia State Nigeria. This is part of an overall project to provide a borehole for water, solar power for a pump, water storage tank, sanitation for the school, making a clinic functional and introducing a science curriculum. Total cost is \$55,000 with an RI grant and other district clubs participation.
- Hope for Ndoki is a project sponsored by Cincinnati Rotarian Celine Piri. Four Cincy Rotarians serve on her board. Goals are to help children and families with basic health care, building a clinic, adhering to Christian values. The committee voted to give \$2,000 to go to transportation expenses for a mother and her badly disfigured child to bring them here for surgery at Children's Hospital.
- Hux Miller is off to Madagascar and his project request for Global Grant is ongoing
- Nate Thomas, now President of his NC Club, completed a project to solarize a school for 700 in rural Uganda thanks to our grant, growing to 1,000-1500 students.
- October 27 Club Fundraiser presentation being assembled. Current funds--\$8000 minus recent grant and minus non-specified obligations.

**Youth Exchange – Steve King and Peter Baden** - Reached out to Steve King for update not arrived as of Monday.

**Rotary International – Ute Pöpke** – Ute attended the RI Zone 30/31 Leadership Seminar in Erlanger, KY, last week and shared her report with President Jack and Linda Muth.