ROTARY CLUB OF CINCINNATI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING MINUTES

#### December 21, 2017

**1:30 p.m.**

### Hilton Netherland Plaza Hotel - Julep Room

### Al Koncius, President

**MEMBERS:**

Al Koncius, President P Melinda Kelly P

Dave Carlin, Secr/Treasurer P Janet Metzelaar P

Fred Fischer, Foundation President E Deborah Schultz P

Jack Scott, Past President P Brett Lebhar P

Rick Flynn, President-Elect P Janet Burns E

Susan Wilkinson, Foundation P Drew Emmert P

President-Elect (ex-officio) Bryan Vielhauer P

Marc Horwitz P Sam Scoggins, Legal Advisor E

Jocile Ehrlich P to the Club Board (ex-officio)

**Also Present**: Linda Muth, Executive Director

## Call to Order President Al Koncius called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

## 2016-2017 Clark Schaefer Hackett Financial Review

## Finance Committee Co-Chair (Audit), Todd Kist shared the findings of the Clark Schaefer Hackett review of the club’s 2016-17 financials.

## Motion Approved: that the 2016-17 Rotary Club of Cincinnati Financial Statements as previously reviewed/presented by Clark Schaefer Hackett to the Finance Committee (and approved) be approved.

## Approval of Minutes

## Motion Approved: that the minutes of the November 9, 2017, meeting be approved.

Dave Carlin presented the November 2017 financial statements.

Motion Approved: that the November 2017 financial statements be received.

**Concerning Membership: Classification Committee Report**

Motion Approved: that the following new proposals for membership be approved:

**NEW PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**PINTO**, Neville G. \*Corporate

Line of Business: Corporate (replaces Santa Ono)

President

University of Cincinnati

**SNODGRASS**, Susan M. \*Active

Line of Business: Financial Services, Diversified

Financial Advisor

Wells Fargo Advisors

Sponsor: Rich Dineen

**SPACE**, David \* Active - YP

Line of Business: Financial Services, Diversified

Financial Advisor

Prudential

Sponsor: Mitch Painter

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

**REQUEST FOR TERMINATION**

**KESSINGER**, Charmaine \*Left the organization

Status: Active

Joined: 10/22/2016

Line of Business: Human Services, Child & Adolescent

**MATHIS,** Martin \*Moved out of town

Status: Active

Joined: 4/22/2017

Line of Business: Human Services, Child & Adolescent

**ONO**, Santa

Status: Corporate \*Left the organization

Joined: ?? (replaced)

Line of Business: Corporate

**PETERSON**, George W.

Status: Active – YP \*Changed careers, not local

Joined: 2/20/2016

Line of Business: Consulting, General

**ROTH**, Michael L.

Status: Senior Active \*Moved to Florida

Joined: 7/29/1999

Line of Business: Consulting, Training

**SAMMARCO**, Dr. Lakshmi K.

Status: Active\*Membership withdrawn,

Joined: 6/17/2017 cannot attend (Board

Line of Business: Physician approved)

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

**REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN STATUS**

**MacCONNELL**, Stephen T.

From: Active To: Senior Active

Years in Rotary: 18

\*Qualifies according to Section 5.6 of the Constitution

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

**REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**DENNEDY**, Sean

Reason: Work-Related Time Commitments

First LOA Request   
Joined: 10/21/2010

**POST-ZALKIND**, Elizabeth

Reason: New Baby - Work-Related Time Commitments

First LOA Request   
Joined: 4/9/2016

**ZUMBIEL**, Tania

Reason: New Business - Work-Related Time Commitments

First LOA Request   
Joined: 10/10/2015

**ZOOK**, Jonathan

Reason: Work-Related Time Commitments

First LOA Request   
Joined: 4/22/2017

**Executive Director Report**Linda Muth shared that the January-June billing cycle is going well with only 20-25 members outstanding. She also shared the Rotary office holiday schedule.

**Committee/Director Reports**

**Marc Horwitz –**

Marc Horwitz reported that all of his committees are in great shape.

**Dave Carlin – Membership Development**

Dave reported we are down seven members as of today. We had 44 prospective members at the Rhinegeist event planned by Brian Bascom and Kelly Shough, which was the most we’ve ever had at an event. Melinda Kelly and Dan Long are working on first event for 2018 in late January/early February, which will be at the Hyde Park Country Club. The month of March will not be a March Madness membership drive, but there will be a Membership Month with the focus on bringing in top notch speakers and recruitment efforts. There will be a prospective member event on April 19th at Woodward Theater in conjunction with the Freestore Foodbank.

**Janet Burns – Classification/Women in Rotary**

Linda Muth shared Janet’s Women in Rotary Committee Report. They had a successful Candles and Cocktails event with 12 people attending. They will be having an event in January where the plan is to view a video of Sylvia Whitlock’s presentation at the District Conference. Linda also shared that she had spoken with Rick Findlay, the chair of the Membership Retention committee, and he agreed that combining the Family of Rotary committee with the Membership Retention committee made sense. So going forward Bill Henrich, the chair of Family of Rotary, will be a member of the Membership Retention Committee.

**Rick Flynn – New Membership   
New Member Orientation – Carl Kappes**

Four members attended the New Member Orientation on November 30, 2017.

**New Member Reception – Larry Cunningham**

The next reception is scheduled for March 20, 2018.

**New Member Project – Claudia Cagle**

The next New Member Project will be in the Spring 2018 and is yet to be determined.

**Roadmap to Success – Bud & Mary Dornette**

The Roadmap to Success is proceeding as expected. Additional New Member Advisors are needed.

**Bryan Vielhauer – Club Social Activities**

Bryan shared that the Red Light Table Holiday party reservations are starting to come in and he expects about 75 attendees. Bowling is on hiatus until January. Euchre is also on hiatus until January 23, 2018; Kelly Mahan will be hosting on that date.

**Drew Emmert – Membership Engagement**

Drew reported that Professional Development completed two classes this fall with Nancy Riesz and Marc Horwitz instructing. Rotary After Hours was held at Graydon offices. Sean Dennedy has resigned as chair of the Vocational Fellowship committee, but Jim Yunker and Nancy Riesz will be taking over and have multiple businesses set up already. Discussion was held about doing a survey for departing members. Linda Muth stated that Rotary International has a survey and that we will be looking to developing it in early 2018.

**Fred Fischer – Foundation Matters**

Linda Muth shared that there are already around 225 tickets for Believe 2 Achieve sold. She encouraged board members if they want to go in on a sponsorship to contact the Rotary office as we have several members who are pulling together to do a $2500 sponsorship. She also shared information about the $12000 donation to the Learning is Cool program for the Marvin Lewis Foundation. Marvin Lewis personally matched the donation. She asked that the board members consider donating gift cards they might receive over the holidays that they won’t be using.

**Deborah Schultz – International Service**

They are looking for another home for the Youth Exchange student. Brian Miller will be making a presentation at the Club Assembly either in January or February. World Affairs Uganda Solar Village project has raised over $20,000. Bill Shula thinks we can get $12,500 from the District towards the project. When the village is chosen by spring we will then need to write the RI grant. Any extra funds will be used for extras in the village.

**Janet Metzelaar – Community Service**

Janet reported that the Condon School party was held on December 5, 2017, and was expertly run by Vince Hartmann per usual. Bill Shula, the chair of the Jefferson Awards Committee, said the committee has made a few changes, but everything is set to roll out the application in early January and the event is to take place on March 1st.

**Brett Lebhar – Youth Service**

***RYLA***: The committee has reached out to contacts at approximately 50 local high schools. Some schools have already expressed interest (in particular, Mariemont, Indian Hill, and Walnut Hills). The student application deadline for RYLA is Jan 31.

***Interact***: Walnut Hills Interact students are very active. They recently put up Christmas decorations at the Jimmy Heath House (for chronically homeless people) and gave out holiday snacks.

***4-Way Test Speech Contest***: On-track with the four high schools. The Jan-Feb period will be very busy with practice speeches/coaching at the schools, contests at each school, and the big inter-school contest at our Rotary Club on Feb. 22.

***Community Rotaract***: In an effort to increase the connection between Community Rotaract and our Rotary Club, the Community Rotaractors are being invited to the January Red Light Table Holiday Party. In February, there will be a Community Rotaract recruitment/social event at Graydon (in OTR).

***UC Rotaract:*** UC Rotaract continues to be in real trouble. Our Rotary Club's participation in the Chamber of Commerce “Big College Event” in November found a few people for Community Rotaract, but no one for UC Rotaract. Vickie Hunter, our Club's UC Rotaract Committee Chair, got the name of a UC faculty contact from Dave Carlin, and will get UC Rotaract represented at the next UC Activity Fair this winter. There have been discussions about making contacts at Xavier to expand the Club or start a new one, but at this point the Committee's focus is on getting UC Rotaract going again.

**Jocile Ehrlich – Fundraising and Special Activities**

Split the Pot - Bob McElroy –over $4,000 for next week! Meeting Sponsorships - Shirley Love - She's has left lots of message and will start to follow up next month.  Festival of Dinners - Michael Schatzman, Becky Sittason, Rachel Loughry – They have four dinners on the books – a bowling party, a distillery tour, a lobsta bake, and one theme TBD hosted by Janet Metzelaar. Committee will be meeting 0in January and will contact past hosts directly. They made their first announcement at the 12/14/17 club meeting. Jocile asked when the voting begins for Wally Emmerlng Day. Linda Muth said she will check the minutes and let Jocile know when it was last year.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business:

Motion approved: that the meeting be adjourned 2:47 p.m.

Al Koncius Linda Muth

President Executive Director