ROTARY CLUB OF CINCINNATI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING MINUTES

#### March 8, 2018

**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 P Deborah Schultz P

Jack Scott, Past President P Brett Lebhar E

Rick Flynn, President-Elect P Janet Burns P

Susan Wilkinson, Foundation P Drew Emmert P

President-Elect (ex-officio) Bryan Vielhauer P

Marc Horwitz E Sam Scoggins, Legal Advisor P

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 1:42 p.m.

## Sam Scoggins addressed the board regarding the question of filling vacant seats on the Club Board as it pertains to the Foundation President and President-Elect.

## Motion Approved: That an update to the club’s bylaws be drafted, which includes the Foundation President and President-Elect being treated the same way as the bylaws currently read for the club’s officers.

## Approval of Minutes

## Motion Approved: that the minutes of the February 15, 2018, meeting be approved.

Dave Carlin presented the February 2018 financial statements.

Motion Approved: that the February 2018 financial statements be received.

**Concerning Membership: Classification Committee Report**

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

**NEW PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**KIMBALL**, Steven C. “Steve” \*Active

Line of Business: Architecture

CEO

emersion DESIGN

Sponsor: Jack Scott

**JAMISON**, Andrew “Jamie” \*Active

Line of Business: Automobile

Auto Broker

Joseph Leasing, LLC

Sponsor: Ken Saunders/Al Koncius

**KENDALL**, Christopher O. “Chris” \* Active

Line of Business: Insurance

Operations Leader

AssuredPartners

Sponsor: Tim Bayer

**OTCHERE**, Baffour Al \*Active - Spouse

Line of Business: Healthcare

President

Provisions Enterprises, LLC

Sponsor: Cyd Alper-Sedgwick/Toni Otchere

**REES**, Andrew G. \*Active

Line of Business: Banking

Controller

Heritage Bank, Inc.

Sponsor: Rick Flynn

**REQUEST FOR TERMINATION**

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

**REAGH**, Sevgi \*Moved business overseas

Status: Active - YP

Joined: 10/21/2017

Line of Business: Healthcare

**President Report**Al shared that we are asking Past Presidents to attend breakfast at Kenwood Country Club. This breakfast is not meant to replace the Past Presidents dinner, but to be a supplement to that event. It will be more of a state of the club type meeting and to engage the past presidents in the operations of the club.

**Executive Director Report**Linda Muth shared that the past-due members from the January-June billing cycle. Only a few members left on the billing and those were addressed individually with a plan of action for each to resolve them.

**Committee/Director Reports**

**Marc Horwitz – Club Meetings**

Nothing new to report.

**Dave Carlin – Membership Development**

Dave shared a membership report that showed the current number of members and new members added. We are currently down nine members and have added 31 members. Our goal is 40 new members. Kelly Shough is going to be taking over membership development committee next year. They are working on the Membership Month activities. Dave also shared the data on last year’s March Madness event. We had 34 new members join and only 4 have left. There were eight applicants who never paid the application fee. One has now joined.

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

Women in Rotary are hosting a St. Patrick’s Day party/prospective member event at the Irish Heritage Center on Thursday, March 15, 2018.

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

The March 1st New Member Orientation had 3 in attendance. The next orientation is scheduled for March 22nd.

**New Member Reception – Larry Cunningham**

The next reception is scheduled for March 20th at the Taft Center. Ten new members have

RSVP’d.

**New Member Project – Claudia Cagle**

The Spring new member project will be a Talents & Interest Vocational Fair for St. Joseph’s Orphanage Altercrest Program. The project will be in early May with the exact date to be determined at the next new member project meeting on March 22nd.

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

Bud and Mary are actively rejuvenating the Roadmap to Success process.

**Bryan Vielhauer – Club Social Activities**

Bryan said he would save his report for the next meeting.

**Drew Emmert – Membership Engagement**

Drew said he spoke with Rick Findlay, the chair of the retention committee, and they are planning to have a breakfast at the National Exemplar in May. Vocational Fellowship Day team of Jim Yunker and Nancy Riesz have finalized the list of businesses.

**Fred Fischer – Foundation Matters**

Fred said the Foundation meeting is April 4, 2018. The Allocations committee will be giving a report at the meeting. Owen Wrassman has headed up that committee. Susan Wilkinson is holding a meeting of the nominating committee next week. Stepping Stones is conducting lockdown training and there are issues with the driveway asphalt at Camp Allan that will need to be addressed.

**Deborah Schultz – International Service**

Deborah shared a photo of the Butambala village that has been chosen for the project. They chose water, electricity, and medical as their top needs. Deborah shared the details on the RI grant process and the frustration that there are no guarantees that approval will be forthcoming.

**Janet Metzelaar – Community Service**

Janet reported that Mark Soupene has gotten the Balloon rides scheduled at Camp Allan for the summer. The picnic will be the third Thursday in August. Dinner at Ronald McDonald House was held on Tuesday.

**Brett Lebhar – Youth Service**

Linda Muth shared Brett Lebhar’s written report.

4-Way Test Speech Contest

Speech contest went well overall on Feb. 22, with a lot of positive comments from many Rotarians; and also from the students, parents, school faculty members, and visiting judges. Wyoming High School and Boys Hope Girls Hope were included for the first time this year. Agenda also allowed for an update to our Club members on Interact and RYLA.

Interact

“Thank You” Pizza Party/Recognition event on Feb. 22 at Walnut Hills High School sponsored by the Rotary Foundation in appreciation of the great work being done by the Interact Club there. It was a very good chance for Rotarians and Interactors to meet. Fred Fischer and Linda Muth took the lead on setting this up, and a number of other Rotarians participated as well, including Susan Wilkinson, Josh Reid, Kelly Crow, Brian Bascomb, and Brett. We met the students and their faculty advisor, answered questions about Rotary, and discussed projects where we could potentially work together.

RYLA

The committee is progressing well on selecting five students to send to Camp Kern for the April 20-22 weekend camp.

Community Rotaract

There was a Feb. 22 meeting of Co-Chairs Sam Schutte and Russell Smith; Bill Shula, Linda Muth, and Brett to talk about how to find success models for Community Rotaract. Linda had already contacted dozens of large Rotaract Clubs to find which have strong Community Rotaract Clubs. She will cull down this list to the best prospects, and then Sam and Russell will make phone calls or have Skype sessions with several to ask questions that should help us ascertain how we could best renew and re-build a Club here. A lot of work needs to be done, but this research is the right next step.

UC Rotaract Club

Discussions will be happening before the end of this program year in order to assess whether it makes sense to also focus on resurrecting UC Rotaract, or whether to focus just on Community Rotaract first. Brett will be bring this up for discussion and input at the April Board meeting.

**Jocile Ehrlich – Fundraising and Special Activities**

**Split the Pot - Bob McElroy**: $6634 collected since July, 2017 going to Membership Development.

**Meeting Sponsorships - Shirley Love:**  She is working on sponsorships from those who joined 2015 and later.  We're hopeful Pete Armstrong will take over soliciting those members who joined prior to 2015.  While Shirley has many interested, none have come on board and we need to try to make up for lost time.  Last year Jack Berger brought in over $4k.  We won't beat it, but we have to make a dent.

**Festival of Dinners - Michael Schatzman, Becky Sittason, Rachel Loughry**:

Lobsta Bake and Bunbury Music Festival have sold out.  We have two bid opportunities:  a Picnic and Bye Bye Birdie which we need to bid up.  We also have lots of tickets available for 7 other opportunities.

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Brews – 7

Sip – 22

Spring Grove – 10

Tristate- 10

Vegan – 2

Picnic bid is $800.00

Bye Bye birdie bid is $500.00

The committee is looking at other fundraising options to pursue next year and will make recommendations to the board when the dinners are finished.

**Wally Emmerling Day - Steve Haber**: The Wally Emmerling day will be May 31st.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

Jack Scott brought the appointment of Kelly Shough to the Personnel Committee before the board. There was discussion on the subject and the board members approved of the decision.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business:

Motion approved: that the meeting be adjourned 3:04 p.m.

Al Koncius Linda Muth

President Executive Director