ROTARY CLUB OF CINCINNATI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING MINUTES

#### December 13, 2018

**1:30 p.m.**

### Hilton Hotel – Julep Room

### Rick Flynn, President

**MEMBERS:**

Rick Flynn, President P Brett Lebhar P

Jocile Ehrlich, Secr/Treasurer P Janet Burns P

Susan Wilkinson, Foundation President P (via phone) Drew Emmert E

Al Koncius, Past President P Bryan Vielhauer P

Dave Carlin, President-Elect – via phone P Claudia Cagle P

John Fahrmeier, Foundation P Mary Ronan E

President-Elect (ex-officio) Ken Saunders P

Melinda Kelly P Sam Scoggins, Legal Advisor E

Deborah Schultz P to the Club Board (ex-officio)

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

## Call to Order President Rick Flynn called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

## Todd Kist, the Co-Chair of the Finance Committee, went through the findings of Clark Schaefer Hackett review of the 2017-18 financials.

## Motion Approved: that the draft of the 2017-18 Financials as presented be approved.

## Approval of Minutes

## Motion Approved: that the minutes of the November 8, 2018, meeting be approved with the change of showing Linda Muth shared the foundation matters report versus Susan Wilkinson.

## Treasurer’s Report

Jocile Ehrlich presented the November 2018 financial statements.

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

**Concerning Membership: Classification Committee Report**

#### Classification Committee Report

#### NEW PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

**MARTIN**, Karen M. \*Active

Line of Business: Human Services, Adult

Recreation and Leisure Director

Stepping Stones

Sponsor: Chris Adams

**REQUEST FOR TERMINATION**

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

**DIXON,** Shane \*Moved

Status: Active - YP

Joined: 12/17/2016

Line of Business: Banking

Sponsor: Rick Flynn

**FORSEE**, Amanda \*Attendance/Moved

Status: Active – YP

Joined: 1/21/2017

Line of Business: Banking

Sponsor: Julie Poyer

**HUNTER**, Victoria \*Transfer to Blue Ash

Status: Active – YP

Joined: 12/19/15

Line of Business: Healthcare

Sponsor: David Carlin

**MCKIERNAN**, Mark \*Attendance

Status: Active

Joined: 6/30/2014

Line of Business: Retail, Hard Goods

Sponsor: Previously termed member

**President Report**Rick Flynn shared that there was a meeting to discuss putting on a March Madness Campaign this year as was done in the 2017-18 Rotary year. Rick stressed the importance of supporting this effort to add new members as our numbers are lower than where we’d like them to be at this time.

**Executive Director Report**  
Linda Muth shared that we have a higher number than usual of outstanding invoices for membership dues. She will continue to monitor the situation and update the board if the numbers do not improve significantly.

**Committee/Director Reports**

**Al Koncius – Club Executive Matters/Nominating Committee**

Nothing new to report.

**Melinda Kelly – Club Meetings**

Melinda reported that the program committee is doing a great job. The meeting signups are going well and she continues to monitors them to make sure all the positions are filled. She also said they will also be revisiting how they can encourage her committees to promote membership recruitment.

**Jocile Ehrlich – Club Operations/Classification**

See above for Classification report. Nothing new to report on Club Operations.

**Mary Ronan – Membership Development/Women in Rotary**

Women in Rotary had an event at the barn on Monday. Dawn Yunker and Bonnie Rettig did a wonderful job in putting on the event on for club members. She also said the leadership of the Membership Committee met yesterday and came up with a plan to bolster the number of prospects in the membership development funnel.

**Ken Saunders – New Members**

No new member orientation was held as we didn’t add any new members last month. There will another New Member Project in the spring and the next New Member Reception will be held in March.

**Drew Emmert – Member Engagement**No Report.

**Bryan Vielhauer – Club Social Activities**

Bryan reported the Red Lite Table Event will be on January 5, 2019. The bowling league has 23 members and had a great announcement today to recruit new members. Euchre is on hiatus until January.

**Susan Wilkinson – Foundation Matters**

Susan reported that the next Believe 2 Achieve full committee meeting is January 24, 2019, prior to the Rotary meeting. The kickoff for requesting donations for the Silent Auction will be on January 17th. The year-end financials were presented by Todd Kist, Finance Committee Co-Chair, and approved at November’s Trustee meeting.

**Deborah Schultz – International Service**

Deborah did not receive a report from Ute. Peter and Carol Baden organized a trip to Kings Island for the Youth Exchange students in the District. Deborah shared an update on the World Affairs Committee’s global grant for the water well project in Uganda. Deborah expressed concern that the Global Grant might be in jeopardy because RI wants local clubs to donate for a project. World Affairs Council event was to be held, but an ice storm interfered with attendance. The organization is working to take the program to the schools to hopefully mitigate the low attendance at the event.

**Claudia Cagle – Community Service**

Claudia shared that the fire fighter recognition program was terrific and Barry Evans did a wonderful job per usual. The Condon School went really well with 122 students and 52 Rotarians attending. There was only one hitch that there was a miscommunication with the Cincinnati Reds and the characters did not attend as they had it on the calendar for the next day.

**Brett Lebhar – Youth Service**

Brett reported that UC Rotaract has really taken off and Wes Botto deserves lots of the credit. They’ve also had two service projects. Community Rotaract has taken a bit longer to get rolling. They will have an event at MidiCi as a meet and greet for new members for Happy Hour on January 17, 2019. Colin Yeakle will be making an announcement next week. RYLA is going well. 4-Way Speech has added two new schools and we have a new Interact at Cincinnati Country Day.

**Janet Burns – Fundraising and Special Activities**

Janet reported that the sponsorship program has quite a number of holes and encouraged board members to sponsor a meeting if they had not yet done so. The Lip Sync Contest sponsorship sales are a bit slow, but Fred Fischer and Becky Sittason will ramp up the sales pitch in January.

**Dave Carlin – President-Elect Report**

Dave Carlin reported that Jocile and Brett will be working with him to review the club’s by-laws.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

A discussion was held as to whether or not to give permission to the Munich Sister City Association to use Camp Allyn for an overnight for their youth exchange program. Rotarian, Ute Papke, made the request. A discussion was held as to the liability involved and Linda Muth shared that as long as it was a sanctioned Rotary event and Rotarians were present 100% of the time, then permission would be granted.

Deborah Schultz asked if we were planning to support the CET Auction again this year. Linda Muth shared that it was a terrific opportunity for our members and our club to get the word out about Rotary. It was decided to once again support them at the $300 level and hopefully retain our premier Saturday night volunteer slot.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business:

Motion approved: that the meeting be adjourned 2:51 p.m.

Rick Flynn Linda Muth

President Executive Director