ROTARY CLUB OF CINCINNATI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING MINUTES

#### November 8, 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 E Drew Emmert P

Al Koncius, Past President P Bryan Vielhauer P

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

John Fahrmeier, Foundation E Mary Ronan P

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 1:41 p.m.

## Approval of Minutes

## Motion Approved: that the minutes of the October 11, 2018, meeting be approved.

## Treasurer’s Report

Jocile Ehrlich presented the October 2018 financial statements.

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

**Concerning Membership: Classification Committee Report**

#### Classification Committee Report

#### NEW PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Classification Committee recommended tabling Ibrahima Maiga’s application until he had more of an opportunity to learn about Rotary as he submitted his application online and had only attended one meeting.

**MAIGA**, Ibrahima \*Active – YP

Line of Business: Media

Editor

Sahel Info

Sponsor: Al Koncius

**REQUEST FOR TERMINATION**

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

**STEIN,** John M. \*Disinterest

Status: Active

Joined: 6/21/2012

Line of Business: Financial Services, Diversified

**REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN LINE OF BUSINESS**

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

**BOWMAN** Debbie

From: Human Services, Child & Adolescent To: Financial Services,

Chief Financial Officer

Revitalize Capital Group

**President Report**Rick thanked everyone for continuing to work on the committee process documentation.

**Executive Director Report**  
Linda Muth shared that the club’s review was completed and a meeting was held by the Finance Committee yesterday to review the findings with Clark Schaefer and Hackett. Todd Kist will be at the Club’s next board meeting on 12/13/18 to review the auditor’s report. Linda has been working on finalizing the plans for the District Conference and asked all the board members to put the dates of the conference, April 11-13 on their calendars. The district held a membership meeting was held in Middletown last evening and Linda and DeAnn attended and presented. The new parking garage has generated some negative comments because of the age and functionality. Linda will continue to monitor the situation. Linda also encouraged all the board members to sponsor the Lip Sync Contest for $300 as it is the only fundraiser for the club.

**Committee/Director Reports**

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

No 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.

**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. Thanks to Dawn Yunker and Bonnie Rettig who helped put the event on for the 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**

New Member project was held last Saturday with Melody Weil and from all accounts it went very well. Nancy Riesz reported that all is good with the New Member Advisor Program as there have been a limited number of new members to assign to a New Member Advisor.

**Drew Emmert – Member Engagement**Drew reported that the professional development series has started. Josh Reid’s presentation went well. Vocational fellowship conducted a survey. Hopefully the table captains reported back to the chairs, Jim Yunker and Brian Bascom. Rotary After Hours is going well under Jane Birckhead.

**Bryan Vielhauer – Club Social Activities**

Bryan reported the Red Lite Table Event will be on January 5, 2019. They will be billing for the members of the table to generate income for the various projects the group supports.

**Susan Wilkinson – Foundation Matters**

Susan shared that the first 2019 Believe 2 Achieve meeting was held and many of the subcommittees such as Sponsorships, Silent Auction, and Super Silent Auction will be meeting in the coming weeks. Susan also shared that the Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati year-end ask letter has been drafted and will be sent to all members. She again encouraged all members of the Club Board who also act as trustees to make a donation.

**Deborah Schultz – International Service**

Deborah shared Ute Päpke’s RI Foundation figures for our club’s donations. World Affairs event at Graydon for Ghana fundraiser was a huge success. An update on the Solar Village Project is going well and we recently received more great news…another district is donating $20,000 for another solar village. The World Affairs committee is looking into vision screening possibilities in both Uganda and Ghana in conjunction with our projects in those countries.

**Claudia Cagle – Community Service**

Claudia shared a historic photo of one of the first Condon School Holiday Parties. She said the committee has done a great job as usual in organizing this fun day for the children at the school. Hands on Service Committee is lining up projects for the January through June period. Contact Tim Hershner with any questions.

**Brett Lebhar – Youth Service**

Brett reported UC Rotaract Club was meeting this afternoon with Jen McFarland attending. They will decide on officers today and it may carryover through the next meeting. Everybody that wanted to be an officer will be able to be. There’s about 8 that have attended so far with several others who plan to attend in the future. On the Community Rotaract front, our Co-Chairs are working to build a contact list. The committee participated in “The Big College” event on Oct 24. They will develop Website and Facebook page. They are planning a social, prospective member event for January 17, 2019 from 5:30-7:30PM - will pick venue, and invite speakers. Will do a 30-45 second commercial starring Club 17 Rotaract Chairman to post on social media. A new Interact Club has been founded at Cincinnati Country Day School. The new Club is being led by Alexia Otchere, and has about 10 students involved. The Certification Form was submitted to RI today. The Committee will continue efforts to identify other high schools that are open to establishing an Interact Club. Committee members have targeted Clark Montessori and Taft High School as possibilities. Walnut Hills Interact has about 15-20 members and remains very strong. The 4-Way Test Speech Contest committee has been expanded. Four schools have been chosen: Walnut Hills and Wyoming are returning; SCPA has agreed to join for the 1st time (22 students involved), and Clark Montessori.

**Janet Burns – Fundraising and Special Activities**

Janet reported that the Lip Sync has garnered 12 sponsorships since July. Wally Emmerling Day will now be co-chaired by Steve Haber and Mike LeVally. Picnic committee is not meeting until until later in the year since the event doesn’t take place until August.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Discussion was held regarding the finalization of the acceptance of the bequest by Ira Abrahamson.

Motion approved: that the Proposed Resolutions (attached to these minutes) to authorize the acceptance of the Ira A. Abrahamson Bequest and Contribution to the Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati be approved.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business:

Motion approved: that the meeting be adjourned 2:39 p.m.

Rick Flynn Linda Muth

President Executive Director

**ROTARY CLUB OF CINCINNATI -**

**PROPOSED DIRECTORS RESOLUTIONS**

**AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF IRA A. ABRAHAMSON BEQUEST AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of Cincinnati (“Club”) was notified on June 29, 2018 that it is a beneficiary of the Trust Agreement established by former Club member Dr. Ira A. Abrahamson, which provided for a conditional bequest of $50,000 to the Club, to be funded if the Club and its members raise an additional $50,000 within six months of receipt of such notification, and the bequest shall lapse if the additional funds are not raised; and

WHEREAS, the terms of Dr. Abrahamson’s Trust provided that the funds shall be used for the Vision Screening Program; and

WHEREAS, during his lifetime, Dr. Abrahamson’s family made a substantial gift to the Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati (“Foundation”), which also required a matching gift from the Foundation, and was also for the purpose of supporting the Vision Screening Program for children that Dr. Abrahamson championed throughout his life, and to that end, the matching contribution was made and the “Ira Abrahamson Vision Screening Fund” was established by the Foundation and is in place today; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Dr. Abrahamson’s wishes and with the establishment of the Ira Abrahamson Vision Screening Fund by the Foundation in support of the same programs and purposes for which Dr. Abrahamson’s Trust bequest is being given, the Trust bequest can best be administered on behalf of the Club by the Foundation as part of the Ira Abrahamson Vision Screening Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is the Club’s intent (a) to recognize Dr. Abrahamson’s vision and desire for the future of the Vision Screening program that it flourish within the United States and expand globally as much as reasonably practicable, and (b) to authorize the Foundation to allocate, at any time and from time to time, so much of the bequest and the earnings thereon, among domestic and international vision screening projects and programs as the Foundation determines to be appropriate; therefore, be it hereby

*RESOLVED,* that the Directors ratify and approve the following actions:

1. The Club shall request the Trustees of the Foundation to (a) designate $50,000 of its funds to the Ira Abrahamson Vision Screening Fund, as a match to the $50,000 Abrahamson Trust bequest, and (b) notify the Club when such fund contribution has been completed.
2. Upon receipt of notification from the Foundation that the matching contribution has been made to the Ira Abrahamson Vision Screening Fund, the Club shall notify counsel to the Abrahamson Trust that the conditions for acceptance of the $50,000 bequest have been met.

1. When the bequest is received from the Abrahamson Trust, it shall be transferred to the Foundation to be used for the purposes outlined in these Resolutions.
2. The Club authorizes the Foundation to determine, at its discretion at any time and from time to time, the portion, if any, of the Abrahamson Trust bequest and the earnings thereon that shall be assigned to the Foundation’s World Affairs Fund and therefore available for use on vision screening projects and programs outside the United States and its possessions, and the portion so designated for international use shall be deemed to be designated by the Club as a contribution or contributions solely to the World Affairs Fund.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the officers of the Club are, and each of them hereby is, authorized for and on behalf of the Club to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary or advisable to fully effectuate the forgoing resolution.