ROTARY CLUB OF CINCINNATI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING MINUTES

#### September 12, 2019

**1:30 p.m.**

### Dave Carlin, President

**MEMBERS:**

Dave Carlin, President P

Mary Ronan, Sec/Treasurer E

Claudia Cagle P

Melinda Kelly P

John Fahrmeier, Foundation President E Ken Saunders (via phone) P

Rick Flynn, Past President P Tim Hershner P

Brett Lebhar, President-Elect P Steve King P

Carl Kappes, Foundation P Nancy Riesz (via phone) P

President-Elect (ex-officio) Sam Scoggins, Legal Advisor E

Janet Burns P to the Club Board (ex-officio)

Drew Emmert P

Bryan Vielhauer P

## Call to Order President Dave Carlin called the meeting to order at 1:46 p.m.

## Approval of Minutes

## Motion Approved: that the minutes of the August 8, 2019, meeting be approved.

## Treasurer’s Report

Linda Muth presented Mary Ronan’s written August 2019 financial statement report.

Motion Approved: that the August 2019 financial statements be received.

**Concerning Membership: Classification Committee Report**

#### Classification Committee Report

#### NEW PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

**BENNETT**, Mackenzie F. \*Rotaract/Active-YP

Line of Business: Insurance

Financial Advisors

Cornerstone Retirement Advisors, Inc./Raymond James

Sponsor: Brett Lebhar/Barry Evans

**FERGUSON**, Angie M. \*Active

Line of Business: Human Services, Child & Adolescent

Executive Director

Drug Free Clubs of America

Sponsor: Jim Yunker/Michael Vilardo

**GEIGER**, Winfield R. \*Active

Line of Business: Insurance  
Financial Advisor/CIO

Cornerstone Retirement Advisors, Inc./Raymond James

Sponsor: Brett Lebhar/Barry Evans

**JONES**, Kevin \*Corporate

Line of Business: Corporate   
President  
Huntington Bank

Sponsor: Jack Scott

**MITCHELL**, Gary Mac \*Corporate

Line of Business: Corporate   
CEO  
Cornerstone Retirement Advisors, Inc. /Raymond James

Sponsor: Brett Lebhar/Barry Evans

**RINEY**, Michael J. \*Rotaract/Active YP

Line of Business: Investment  
Wealth Management Advisor

Wealthquest

Sponsor: Steve King/Brett Lebhar

**SMILEY**, Mary C. \*Active

Line of Business: Education, K-12  
retired educator

Sponsor: Melinda Kelly

**REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN STATUS**

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

**LANGA**, Sipho C.

From Status: Active –YP To: Rotaract/Active-YP

Joined: 5/18/2019

Age: <30

Line of Business: Banking

**STEINBERG,** Ivan R. To: Dues Waived

From Status: Senior Active

Joined 9/12/1991

Line of Business: Retail Hard Goods

**REQUEST FOR TERMINATION**

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

**SANDER**, Jason A. \*Attendance

Status: Active

Joined: 4/1/2017

**REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**CROSS**, Lanore S. \*Health

Status: Active

Joined: 6/26/18

**TERMINATION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES**

Motion Approved: that the following individual memberships in the club be terminated for non-payment of dues. It should be noted that these members were contacted multiple times via email and telephone with no response:

**ALLEN**, Raye

Status: Active

Joined: 4/22/2017

Line of Business: Education, Post-Secondary Administration

**ACHESON JR.,** Edwin R.

Status: Senior Active

Joined: 1/25/1995

Line of Business: Law Practice

**FOSSETTE,** Dustin C.

Status: Active

Joined 6/26/18

Line of Business: Services, Residential

**President Report**

Dave Carlin thanked everyone for their work on their member survey. He thanked Melinda and Claudia for gathering the data to create the survey. He also thanked Nancy for her creativity in helping with announcements to encourage members to complete the survey. Steve King and Bryan Vielhauer will be assisting with the compilation of the data.

Dave shared the information about the possibility of adding a pay-monthly dues option. A small subcommittee will be meeting to discuss the results of the Large Club Survey Linda did on the topic with her counterparts in other large clubs.

Dave shared that there have been three coffees with board members. He appreciates the participation by the board members. He will be scheduling the last one in the coming weeks.

The by-laws committee hasn’t been able to meet and he hopes to get that meeting scheduled before the next board meeting in October.

Dave also discussed the Rotary Leadership Institute and asked the board to suggest future leaders of the club to attend this District sponsored training.

**Executive Director Report**Linda Muth shared the final three individuals on the unpaid dues list. It was decided to send termination letters to two of the members and a friendlier reminder letter to the third. Linda also shared the water damage restoration in the Rotary office and that the landlord, Carew Realty credited the club with a month’s rent due to the issue.

**Committee/Director Reports**

**Rick Flynn – Club Executive Matters/Nominating Committee**

Rick Flynn shared the process the nominating committee used to develop a slate of candidates for next year’s board of directors and officers. The following is the proposed slate of officers and board of directors:

Melinda Kelly – President-Nominee

Ken Saunders – Secretary/Treasurer

Molly Reidel – Director – 1 year term

Scott Hoberg – Director – 1 year term

Steve Rogers – Director – 3 year term

Larry Cunningham – Director – 3 year term

Mark Romito – Director – 3 year term

Rick shared that all of the members have been contacted and have agreed to serve.

**Brett Lebhar – Membership Development**Brett Lebhar shared the membership sub committees are doing a great job. At the last meeting, the Terry Dean launched the Power of 1 Campaign and the committee held a prospective member event at the View at the Shires and we had 18 prospective members and 7 of those were young professionals. The committee has set a net goal of 35 members or a total of 70 new members. Dave Carlin added that their goal is get the club to a 50% women

**Nancy Riesz – Onboarding**

Nancy Riesz said she is thrilled with the work the New Member Project Committee chairs, Kat Steiner and Barbara Dickerson, are doing. She will be working with Steve Drefahl on the New Member Advisor Program when they’re both back in town next week.

**Melinda Kelly – Membership Engagement**

Melinda Kelly said the Women in Rotary had their first event at Top Golf and it was very successful. She said they have developed a plan to increase the club’s membership to 50% women. They are looking to promote events by coordinating with other club activities.

**Mary Ronan – Club Operations/Classification**

Linda Muth shared the classification committee report. Nothing new to report on Club Operations.

**Ken Saunders – Club Meetings**No report received.

**Claudia Cagle – Community Service**

Claudia Cagle said the awards programs are proceeding very well. Scott Hoberg and Bryan Vielhauer did a great job at the project at the end of last month at the Roselawn Condon School.

**Tim Hershner – International Service**Tim Hershner said the World Affairs Committee is planning for their fall fundraiser and will hold an event at Elevar Design Consultants on October 16th. They also held a reception for the Rotary International Mandela Fellows on August 21, 2019, at the Union Institute. Three of the four Mandela Fellows spoke and discussed the work they are doing here in preparation to help others in their homelands.

**Steve King – Youth Service**Steve King said the new Rotaract dual members are very excited to launch this club within a club. Steve shared the leadership for our two Interact Clubs and we are looking to add a new one at Indian Hill. UC Rotaract headed by Wes Botto participated in the District Trilogy as well as had 40 students express interest in joining the club.

**Bryan Vielhauer – Club Social Activities**

Bryan Vielhauer said the Day at the Races is October 12, 2019, on a Saturday at Keeneland. The Rotary Golf outing is next Friday, September 20, 2019, and they could use additional players.

**Janet Burns – Fundraising and Fun**Janet Burns shared that Terry Dean reported that there are seven commitments for meeting sponsorships. He sent an email to all of past sponsorships. She asked that all board members consider becoming a meeting sponsor.

**Drew Emmert – Special Activities**Drew Emmert reported Larry Cunningham is working to re-work the Professional Development Series. The Balloon Rides and Picnic committees had successful events and will begin planning next year for Summer 2020.

**John Fahrmeier – Foundation Matters**

John Fahrmeier shared that the Believe 2 Achieve checks were distributed at the end of last month. John said the trustees will be meeting next Wednesday. The first meeting of the B2A Committee will be in mid to late October. The purchase of land adjoining Camp Allyn has been put on hold due to the selling broker asking a price above the appraised value. He asked all the board members to put Believe 2 Achieve on their calendars for June 20, 2020.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

Bryan Vielhauer shared his thoughts about the voting process and asked all members take seriously their right to add a candidate for an officer or board member to be put up for vote. Janet Burns stated her concern that membership doesn’t vote on the officers. John Fahrmeier said he had served on previous nominating committees and it was difficult to find members who were willing to serve under the old election process. Linda Muth added that the last election before the process was changed, 62 members turned down the nominating committee when asked to run for the board position. A lengthy conversation was held about the process. John suggested adding a notice in the ERays, our Facebook group, and in the President’s announcements in April and May so if someone is interested in serving on the board or suggesting a candidate, they can contact the President, President-Elect, or President-Nominee.

Bryan Vielhauer talked about the Red Light Table making a donation to the Rotary Clubs in the Bahamas. He will keep the board posted.

Linda Muth shared the news we will hold our first ever evening meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2019, to watch the live stream of Rotary International’s World Polio Day event at the World Cinema on Race Street downtown. We’ll be having appetizers and cocktails prior to the event across the street at Butcher and Barrel. In conjunction with the event, we are placing an ad on Fountain Square and 3CDC donated an ad on the LED video screen on the square. Linda shared the video that will be aired with the board members.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business:

Motion approved: that the meeting be adjourned 3:21 p.m.

Dave Carlin Linda Muth

President Executive Director