

Rotary of Lynnwood Minutes – Executive Board -- December 20, 2019 4:00 pm

Location: Erin Monroe's home

People Attending:

Casey Auve; Debbie Bodal; Grant Dull; Beth Fraser; Mark Johnson; Edith Larson; Janet Leister; Erin Monroe; Mike Neumeister; Jeff Patterson; Barbara Lindberg (absent – out of country)
Janet Leister volunteered to take minutes for Barbara.

Consent Agenda & Minutes

No additions to agenda. Casey moved that the October minutes be approved. Mike seconded it. Jeff abstained as he was not at October Executive Board meeting. Minutes approved.

Executive Committee's Report

Focus and Mission

Mark reported that the purpose of the club's retreat, held in November, was to examine the focus and mission. There was general consensus that the club's activities were too broad. In review, about 85% to 90% of the club's activities were focused on youth and education. Therefore, members at the retreat recommended that we focus on youth and education projects. For projects that do not fit this focus, we would not be doing these projects but we could look for other resources, such as the Foundation helping the veteran projects. A mission statement was also developed. Mark sent out to club members the results of the retreat. The club's assembly had consensus that the youth and education focus would be good for the club. There was no consensus at the assembly on the wording of the mission statement. Mark said that he would like to form an ad hoc committee to refine the mission statement and bring it back to the club for discussion.

Motion: Erin moved that the Rotary Club of Lynnwood adopts as a club its focus on youth and education. Beth amended that the club assembly review this focus in the next five years by June 30, 2025. Amended Motion: The Rotary club Lynnwood adopts as its focus youth and education and that the club assembly reviews this focus in the next five years by June 30, 2025. Casey seconded it. Approved.

Motion: Beth moved that Mark appoint a subcommittee to create a mission statement that aligns with the youth and education focus from the retreat. Erin seconded it. Approved.

Board Meeting Location: Mark reported that future Board Meetings would be held at Edmonds Community College at Gateway Hall.

Operational Budget: Erin submitted financials through July – November 2019: Balance Sheet; Profit and Loss; Budget Actuals; and a Budget Overview for FY 2020 (July 2019—June 2020). Board members were able to help her with some questions she had.

Directors' Reports

Club Service: Edy reported that she had all the meetings scheduled and that there was someone new she was working with at Edmonds Community College. She reported that signatures for checks needed to be updated to include Vice President and President Elect. Debbie asked if the web site had been updated for the shoe drive.

Youth Service: Mike reported that the youth challenge awards needed revamping. Debbie suggested maybe working with one school or have a student of the month. Looking at new ways to do the program was needed.

Community Service: Jeff reported that the wreath program for veterans was very successful. He met with some of our Rotarians at breakfast before going to deliver the wreaths. We had over double the amount he thought we would buy. People participating said it was very moving. Part of the money will go to scholarships. We can look at next year by asking other Rotary Clubs to sponsor the event as it is not a youth focus event except for the scholarship program.

International Service: Janet reported on the ISC December 5th meeting. The Days for Girls Eswatini project is moving forward smoothly, and Debbie and Janet were scheduled to meet with the Days for Girls Snoqualmie chapter to go over the payment process on December 11. Deborah talked about doing more peace poles. Given the new focus of the Club, it does not appear that peace poles would match this new focus. We may also need to review Kiva loans in regard to the new focus. In addition, one of ISC members asked about getting reimbursement to attend some of the District meetings. This request can be reviewed after the budget is finalized. Jeff said that he been approached to support a group from Arlington that works on water issues for clean water in Panama and other countries. We can look into this and have them give a presentation at our club.

Committee Chairs' Reports

Summary of points discussed: Steve Johann is reviewing the social media policy as there have been some problems with posting. A brand needs to be developed. Steve is the administrator with Gunnvor and Casey as editors. Fundraising is being postponed until the new focus and mission are completed. Debbie added to chairs' reports that we should revisit "Look who is coming to dinner" program. Shannon used to run this program but she does not have the time to continue this program.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27