

CALLED SPECIAL ROTARY CLUB OF LYNNWOOD

Board Meeting - Minutes

July 30, 2020

Attendees:

Beth Fraser, President	√	Paul Richards, Dir. Vocational Service	A
Jeff Patterson, President-Elect	√	Janet Leister, Dir. Int'l Service	√
Ryan Herath, Vice President	A	Edith Larson, Dir. Club Service	√
Mark Johnson, Past President	√	Casey Auvé, Dir. Community Service	√
Barbara Lindberg, Secretary	√	Mike Neumeister, Dir. Youth Service	√
Erin Monroe, Treasurer	A		

Meeting opened: 11:45 a.m.

President: Beth Fraser

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

A quorum was present and proper notice was given to members as to date and time of meeting

President's Report:

Beth reported – Mark and I have tried to reach out to all of you this week about the attached statement. The University District Club along with several other of our District 5030 clubs have been meeting to discuss equity and diversity issues. The result of those meetings at this point is this statement. The final version was discussed by this group last Thursday evening. They are asking for local clubs to agree to sign it. The intention is to publish it in local newspapers. They have asked for a response by Friday, July 31. I know this is a tight turnaround and that is why we have asked the Board to meet at 11:45a.m. today, by Zoom, to vote on this.

“Statement of Rotarians in Support of Racial Justice

As Rotarians of Greater Seattle, we engage in solidarity with Americans across our community and the nation. We acknowledge the pain and suffering that systemic injustice and oppression inflict. We stand in unity with all Black Americans and other communities of color throughout our country.

We salute the millions who have marched peaceably in our streets. We embrace demand for change—in law enforcement, policing tactics, the criminal justice system, healthcare system, public and private education, employment opportunity and housing. We stand in solidarity against injustice and inequity. As Rotarians, we pledge our support for long-term, fundamental change in anti-racist policies and practices to stamp out oppression and discrimination in our communities.

Rotary is committed to playing a positive role in educating, engaging in healing dialogue and finding ways to collaborate with business, government, academia and the non-profit sectors. We will explore ways to root out systemic racism and seek greater equality, justice and inclusion. In doing so, we will use the Rotary Four Way Test as our guide in the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?”

Casey moved to forego going with some of the Rotary Clubs in our District 5030 and work on our own statement. Discussion followed. Barbara seconded the motion; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p. m. **Next meeting is 6:00 p.m., August 19, 2020, via ZOOM virtual meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Lindberg, Secretary
Rotary Club of Lynnwood