**\*\*\* Meeting held via ZOOM Webinar \*\*\***

**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm by Mark Henne, who recognized that there was a Board Quorum.

**Board Members in attendance**: Bill Armstrong, Mark Henne, Sung Lee, Ody Norkin, Chris Nugent, Kristin Shelley and Bill Webb.

**Board Members Absent**: Steve Serkainan

**Other Members in Attendance**: Gerhardus Schultink, Ingrid Nova (ex-officio), Joe Osyczuk (ex-officio)

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

MOTION by S. Lee, second by W. Webb, to accept the minutes from the February 13, 2020 Board Meeting. Motion PASSED.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Armstrong reported that we are a little short on membership dues.

Expenses are in line with what was expected for the first quarter. Administrative expenses are up $300. International dues came in more than expected. Armstrong reported that we are doing good on meeting expenses.

If we use all the money we had budgeted, we would have an $11,000 deficit by June 30, 2020. If we do not give refunds for the meals not eaten due to the pandemic, then at the end of June we would be at around an $8,000 deficit.

If there are no meetings held in April or May and don’t change the dues structure, we will be saving about $5,100.

Discussion was held about potential meals rebates. Correspondence should come from President Mark that there is a crisis, but if anyone is still willing to pay their full dues, it would be appreciated. If there is an issue in paying their dues, then President Mark and Treasurer Bill should have the ability to forgive dues as needed.

MOTION by C. Nugent second by O. Norkin that if requested in wiring by a member, meal charges would be waived for any meetings that were not attended; the member would still be charged $72.50 per quarter. Motion PASSED.

A presentation was given by Sung Lee about International Dry Season Garden project in Ghana. They are now requesting funds for a three year project through Global Grants. They are seeking $8,000 seed money. This would be through the Sandelin Grant- the application is due at the end of April.

The overall project would be a $50,000 project annually for the next three years.

The $4,000 seed money came from the Haslett-Okemos Rotary Club.

It was not made clear how much money the East Lansing Rotary Club would have to definitely contribute. A special Board Meeting may be called in order to discuss this project and grant possibilities.

Further discussion has been tabled until the International Committee has a chance to meet.

Brief discussion and update about the Ella Pad project from Bangladesh. The project is going well and they are now making face masks for the people in Bangladesh. About $9,000 has been given to date.

Discussion held regarding the COVID-19 project. The information needs to be sent by April 17 to for the COVID-19 project. We have $25,000 in the budget from the District. Various requests have come in from local organizations for masks, Clorox wipes, etc.

Sung will work with Ingrid to put out an appeal to the Club members. These items are needed by the East Lansing Police Department if anyone wants to make a donation directly to the department.

Another appeal is for facial masks for a local church and Rescue Mission.

Discussion was held about African distant learning with their lack of computers, etc. More research will need to be done first. There is a potential for good used computers.

Vocational Committee met on April 8.

**Adjournment**

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on May 14, via Zoom webinar unless otherwise noted.

There being no further business to conduct, Mark Henne adjourned the meeting at 1 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ingrid Nova, Club Administrative Secretary