**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 pm by Nancy Marr, who recognized a Board Quorum.

**Board Members in attendance**: Bill Armstrong, Jim Folkening, Laura Hosey, Sung Lee, Nancy Marr, Ody Norkin, John Saltzgaber, and Bill Webb.

**Board Members Absent**: Mark Henne, Amy Jarrad-Wilbert (LOA), Chris Nugent, Kristin Shelley and Nathan Triplett.

**Other Members in Attendance**: Ingrid Nova (ex-officio), Joe Osypczuk (ex-officio)

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

MOTION by B. Webb, second by S. Lee, to accept the Minutes of December 20, 2018 as presented. Motion PASSED.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Armstrong reported that he will have the YTD budget information available at the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding Happy Bucks and potentially designating Happy Bucks to certain causes.

MOTION by J. Saltzgaber, second by B. Webb, to present this idea to general membership at the January 28 meeting, and ask for a vote to designate all Happy Bucks received from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 to one of four causes: Haven House, Weekend Survival Kits, Operation Santa or Educational Excellence. Motion PASSED.

Discussion was held regarding additional bookkeeping duties to be performed by Club Administrator Ingrid Nova. It should be documented who does what regarding financial matters. Also, the new website will add additional duties for Ingrid.

MOTION by B. Armstrong, second by S. Lee, to execute necessary paperwork and raise the monthly rate from $625 to $750. Also, to pay her invoice for work performed August through December, 2018. Motion PASSED.

**President Elect Report**

District Governor Jim Cupper will be the program on January 28. Cathy DeShambo will be the program on February 4. Programs are still needed for Programs are still needed for February 11 and 25.

**Committee Reports**

Community Service/Vocational Committee

No report.

International Committee – Sung Lee

The Rotary Foundation annual giving for the Club is around $4000, short of the goal of ~$7100, which would be $100 per member per year.

Membership Committee – Bill Webb

The most recent membership improvement retention report was distributed and discussed. The goal is for an additional gain of six new members before the end of the year.

Mark Henne has been tasked with following up with Luca Gamberini and his plans.

Visioning/Goalkeeping Committee – Jim Folkening

The visioning information will be on the new website. Katie Donovan has reported that she will be getting with tech consultant Kyle to get the new website up and running.

Youth Initiatives – Laura Hosey

Laura will be attending the Rotaract meeting on January 17. Their International Dinner is set for February 21, and Ingrid will be sending out the information once received.

Joe Osypczuk reported again that there is still $60 from the previous year that needs to be routed to the MSU Rotaract Club. Laura will get the information for a check to be written.

East Lansing Rotary Foundation – Joe Osypczuk

Joe gave an update on the scholarship opportunities for East Lansing students. Information about the scholarships will be sent to Ingrid for inclusion on the East Lansing Rotary Club facebook page and website.

Public Image – John Saltzgaber

John reported that the website preview, led by Katie Donovan, will be Monday, January 28 at 11 AM.

An update on the next Night on the Town event was given by John. He reported that 10 reservations (20 people) have already signed up. There is a room fee for the room at Lucky’s Steakhouse, but it will be dependent on how many people attend the event ($100 for 25 people or less, $50 for 30 people or more). The event is a Valentine’s Day dinner, on Tuesday, February 12 at Lucky’s Steakhouse.

**New Business**

Discussion was held regarding the international students at Michigan State University and what the East Lansing Rotary Club can do to help them. It was recommended to Sung Lee that the International Committee present definite action plans/suggestions to the Board for review.

A discussion was held regarding the leadership vacancies with the East Lansing Rotary Club. It was decided to hold a Club Assembly in February to have the general membership give their input on how to proceed.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to conduct, Nancy Marr adjourned the meeting at 1:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ingrid Nova

Club Administrative Secretary