**Rotary Club of East Lansing**

**January 19, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting**

1. **Meeting called to order at 12:08 pm at East Lansing Library**

In attendance: John Saltzgaber, Amy Jarrad-Wibert, Kristen Shelley, Joe Osypczuk, Daria Buzun, Nancy Marr, Jim Folkening, Laura Hosey, Ody Norkin

1. **Minutes for the November 2016 Board meeting were approved.**
2. **Treasurer’s Report – Amy Jarrad-Wibert**

Amy provided a copy of the financial statements for November and December 2016. There was some concern over members that were owing on dues; she was most concerned with those over 90 days. There was discussion of Todd Sneathen’s membership status as his membership dues had not been paid for a long time. A motion was passed to remove Todd Sneathen from the collections list and member of the club (Joe Osypczuk was also going to confirm if the club received a resignation letter from Todd).

There was discussion on how to handle the collection issue. It was suggested that someone be appointed as a collector. But then it was decided that collection duties should fall under the membership committee. Jim Folkening would discuss this with the membership committee at their next meeting.

Jim made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s financial reports for November and December 2016 as presented. Ody seconded. Motion passed.

1. **President’s Report – John Saltzgaber**
2. Pancakes in the Park.

John provided an overview of the Pancakes in the Park fundraiser and review the proposal. There was discussion of Chris Cakes of Michigan and the pros and cons of having them make the pancakes, the introduction of partner organizations to promote the event and the need to raise the price of the breakfast.

Ody suggested the motion proposed in the agenda be split into two motions. He made a motion to engage Chris Cakes of Michigan to make pancakes for the fundraiser at a price set by the Pancakes in the Park fundraising committee. Jim seconded it and the motion passed.

Ody then made a motion to present John’s proposal to the membership for approval at the Club Assembly scheduled for Feb. 6, 2017. Jim seconded it and the motion passed.

1. Big Ban-Quet Community Charity Challenge

John discussed the project’s history. Joe Osypczuk is working with Jeff Gorselin on the project. Joe will try to get the Rotaract Club involved since they do everything online and might be able to extend a reach into the student community. The logo on the Big Bang-Quet website will be changed so the focus is on the Weekend Survival Kits rather than the Rotary Club.

Kirsten made a motion that the club participate in the 2017 Big Bang-quet Community Charity Challenge and that the funds we raise from this event be donated to the Weekend Survival Kits program. In addition, our members should be informed about this effort and encouraged to support it starting with our Club Assembly on February 6, 2017. Amy seconded it and the motion passed.

1. **President Elect’s Report – Ody Norkin**
2. Programs – Ody needed to know the speaker for the Feb 13th meeting; February is international month. He will contact Mark Henne. Feb 6th there will be an opportunity to meet for dinner at the Everyday Restaurant (see International Committee).
3. Budget – he is working on the next year’s budget.
4. Club Meeting Format – the format of the club’s meeting was discussed. It seems it might be better to have the speaker go first at 12:30 then conduct the club business at 1 pm.

John made a motion that the board present a proposal for modifying the club meeting format to the membership sometime in March – May. Jim seconded it and the motion passed. Ody further suggested that the membership committee discuss the change of the meeting format and report back to the board.

1. MLK Holiday – this should be discussed by the membership committee as well.

**Minutes continued (provided by Jim Fokening, as Nancy Marr had to leave):**

1. **Secretary’s Report – Cathy Zell**
   1. Alternate Meetings

**Ody moved, seconded by Daria, that the Club *proceed to schedule alternative meetings for the months of February, March, April and June per the motion adopted by the club membership last July. Further, I move that the following “alternate meeting” schedule be adopted for the balance of the current Rotary year:***

***February 6 – Luncheon Meeting & Club Assembly***

***2nd Annual “International Dinner”***

***March 6 – WKAR Tour and luncheon***

***April 3 – social event, service project, or tour***

***June 5 – Luncheon Meeting & Club Assembly***

***The motion passed.***

* 1. Club Administrative Secretary: Job Description & Search

The search committee is continuing its’ work to refine the job description for this position so that it includes our priorities when it comes to support services. The committee’s recommendations about the responsibilities associated with the position, budget allocation, salary, etc. will be presented at our February board meeting.

1. **Committee Reports**
   1. **Community Service/Vocational Committee – Kristin Shelley**

1**)** For several years, our club has supported the YMCA Summer Camp and recommends that we continue this support via a $750 donation.

***Kristin moved, seconded by Amy that the Club donate $750 from the club’s Community Service/Vocational Committee budget to the YMCA for their Summer Camp program. The motion passed.***

* 1. **The Rotary Foundation – Katie Donovan**

There is no committee report at this time

* 1. **International Committee – Sung Lee**

All club members and their guests are cordially invited to attend our club's second annual "International Dinner." Come enjoy an evening of fine food and friendship as we celebrate the start of the Chinese New Year on Monday, February 6, 2017 starting at 5:30 pm at the Everyday Restaurant located at 21375 E. Grand River Ave. (near the Grand Traverse Pie Company).

Each person/couple will be billed separately for their meal(s) and beverage(s). Please contact International Committee Chair Sung Lee ([sgltiger@gmail.com](javascript:window.top.ZmObjectManager.__doClickObject(document.getElementById(%22OBJ_PREFIX_DWT6353_com_zimbra_email%22));), [517/719-6600](tel:517%2F719-6600)), to make reservations and/or if you have questions.

* 1. **Membership Committee – Nathan Triplett**

There is no committee report at this time. The Committee meets again on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 11:00 am and among the items to be discussed id alternate membership requirements.

* 1. **Visioning/Goalkeeping Committee – Jim Folkening**

There is no committee report at this time.

* 1. **Youth Initiatives Committee – Daria Buzun & Laura Hosey**
     1. Committee working with East Lansing Schools to resurrect the Student of the Month program.
     2. Update about the status of our efforts to establish a MSU Rotoract Club:

1.The Haslett-Okemos and East Lansing clubs have both committed to be sponsors of MSU Rotoract Club

2. MSU and Rotary International have approved and certified the club already.

3. Peggy Fankhauser, Haslett-Okemos Rotary Club President, is the Rotary advisor. Dr Willyerd is the MSU advisor.

4. Haslett-Okemos and East Lansing will each have 3 members on the sponsoring committee.

5. The first meeting of the sponsoring committee is in the process of being scheduled. Both clubs have approved a $450 grant per club ($900 total) to purchase flags, badges, a bell and gavel, etc. for the MSU Rotortact Club.

Our Board approved the $450 grant in December 2016.

* 1. **East Lansing Rotary Foundation – Joe Osypczuk**

Joe reported that the Foundation Board approved $500 grant for the Boys Scouts in memory of Doug Langham, utilizing the funds from his memorial account. An additional memorial will occur this Spring within the Playground in the Park areas.

**At 1:55, Ody moved, seconded by Kristin, to adjourn the Board meeting. The motion passed.**

**Meeting minutes provided by Nancy Marr and Jim Folkening.**