**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 pm by Mark Henne, who recognized a Board Quorum.

**Board Members in attendance**: Jim Folkening, Mark Henne, Nancy Marr, John Saltzgaber, Kristin Shelley and Bill Webb.

**Board Members Absent**: Bill Armstrong, Pat Boog, Laura Hosey, Sung Lee, Amy Jarrad-Wilbert (LOA), Ody Norkin, Chris Nugent, and Nathan Triplett.

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

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

MOTION by K. Shelley, second by J. Folkening, to accept the Minutes of February 21, 2019 as presented. Motion PASSED.

MOTION by J. Folkening, second by B. Webb, to acknowledge resignation of Stephen Greene as of May 2018 and to send letter to that affect, requesting that he compensate the club for his expenses through that date. Motion PASSED.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Concerns were raised about running with deficit; potential way to fix this would be reduce the amount for the committees. A question was raised about the Community Services Committee monies used to date.

Question about the current budget- are updates needed for the Executive Secretary’s salary and website expenditure increases?

Treasurer Bill Armstrong will be contacted for follow up to these concerns.

MOTION by J. Saltzgaber, second by N. Marr, to accept the treasurer report and place on file. Motion PASSED.

**President Report**

Mark Henne confirmed that he will be serving as the Club President unless someone else steps up to serve. President Henne presented the Rotary Club Health Check, which was received at PETS.

The Council on Legislation will meet next month- they meet once every three years and the International Assembly. There are representatives from all around the world, and they vote on changes in policy or procedure that Rotary might want to adopt. There may be changes for next year.

Discussion was held regarding creative club membership and club structure, including satellite club options, that would meet in the evenings. Nate Lovaas of the Charlotte Satellite Rotary Club could come in to discuss the satellite club options.

President Henne gave a Polio update- there are only 8 cases of polio in Afghanistan. Nigeria had a case 2.5 years ago, but none since. Within six months it should be considered polio free.

**President Elect Report**

Most of the programs are in place for April:

April 1- Kay Powers, Ellie’s Place

April 8- Lansing Ignite

April 22- Earth Day- Lime Scooters

April 15 and 29 still open

Discussion was held regarding using April 15 as follow up meeting to the Club Assembly from February to revisit some topics.

Marr reported that a small focus group met earlier in the week and had a great meeting, and will meet again the following week. The purpose of the meeting is to focus on what direction the club should go. Issues that were raised include:

Why does the East Lansing Rotary Club exist? Service? Why us? What are we doing to make that a reality?

There is a need for a “signature project,” social media communication and increased membership. Discussion was held regarding how a signature project could grow the other aspects of getting our name out there in the community and doing good in the community.

It was decided to dedicate the April 15 program for follow up to the Club Assembly.

Program ideas are needed for May.

**Committee Reports**

Community Service/Vocational Committee—Kristin Shelley

At the recent Committee meeting, they brainstormed ideas for the club. It was confirmed that if the new idea involves the city, buy-in from the city is critical, ensuring that they are included from the beginning of the conversation.

Discussion was held regarding a new potential project of building free libraries. The Committee will continue research into this potential project.

Discussion

International Committee—Chris Nugent

The International Committee last met in late February. There is continued discussion regarding the Napkin project (female sanitary products in Bangladesh). Missie Rill is working on writing a grant for this project.

The Committee was looking to assist with International Dinner, but it was cancelled. The Committee continues to look for ways to get involved with the MSU student community.

Membership Committee—Bill Webb

Recruitment retention update was given. The East Lansing Rotary Club lost eight members in last year. Discussion was held regarding potentially approaching former members to gauge their interest in returning to the Club.

MOTION by J. Folkening, second by K. Shelley to accept Jeff Jackson’s resignation as of Feb. 26, and to change Laura Hosey from a Corporate member with MSUFCU to a regular Active Member. Motion PASSED.

Discussion was held regarding the need for the East Lansing Rotary Club to have (and embrace) mission and vision statements.

Visioning/Goalkeeping Committee – Jim Folkening

Each committee should make their own vision- go from the bottom up. The vision should be presented more frequently to club membership.

A potential June program would be “Rotary 101.”

Youth Initiatives

No report.

East Lansing Rotary Foundation – Joe Osypczuk

No report.

Public Image – John Saltzgaber

There has been an early and very positive start to the planning of the golf outing with new sponsors, etc. The Lansing Board Water Light will be a presenting sponsor at $3000. They will continue to look for additional sponsors.

The location of the golf outing has not yet been confirmed. The date will be September 9.

A Webinar training session has been scheduled for March 22, focusing on how to upload documents on the website.

Work will continue on the verbiage and visuals for the public part of the website.

To date only one scholarship application has been received. Nancy Marr will work to get the scholarship information on Facebook for greater exposure.

**Adjournment**

The next Board Meeting will be on Thursday, April 25 (moved one week later due to Easter).

There being no further business to conduct, Mark Henne adjourned the meeting at 1:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ingrid Nova

Club Administrative Secretary