**Agenda**

1. **Call to Order at 12:01-Ody Norkin, Todd Selin, Nathan Triplett, John Salzgaber, Joe Osypczuk, Gian Luca Gamberini, Jim Folkerning, Christy Swope, and Kristen Shelley (Daria joined as well I recall?)**
2. **Approval of July 2017 Board Meeting Minutes**

Copies of these minutes HAVE been emailed to members of the board.

*Proposed Motion: I move that we accept the July 2017 Board Minutes as presented. – Jim moved and Todd seconded (with the amended information from Kristin)-*

1. **Treasurer’s Report – Amy Jarrad-Wibert**
   1. Club Financial Reports was distributed at the board meeting.

*Proposed Motion: I move that we accept the Treasurer’s financial reports for July 2017 as presented.-Motion by Jim and Luca seconded.*

* 1. *Other comments:*

*Financial Reports need to be reviewed. Past treasurers have done a review with the assistance of Jeff Fennis. Jeff will be approached to review the books again in 2017.*

Budget will need to be revised if we do not recruit the ten new members that we are hoping for .

* 1. Since the July Board meeting, David McNeilly has made full payment of his outstanding dues obligation.

*Proposed Motion: I move that we terminate David McNeilly’s membership in the Rotary Club of East Lansing.*

*John moved and Todd seconded motion. - There will be an adjustment made to the positive. Approved unanimously*

1. **President’s Report – Ody Norkin**
2. September Board Meeting – Day/Date Change: Wednesday, September 20, 2017
3. Our Club Leadership Succession Plan -- Club By-Laws

Article 3 Election of Directors and Officers

**Section 1 –** At a regular meeting one month prior to the meeting for election of officers, the presiding officer shall ask for nominations by members of the club for president, secretary, treasurer, and eight directors. The nominations may be presented by a nominating committee or by members from the floor, by either or by both as a club may determine. If it is determined to have a nominating committee, such committee shall be appointed as the club may determine. The nominations duly made shall be placed on a ballot in alphabetical order under each office and shall be voted for at the annual meeting. The candidates for president, president-elect, secretary, and treasurer receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected to their respective offices. The eight candidates for director receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected as directors. The candidate for president-elect in such balloting shall be the president-nominee and serve as a director for the year commencing on the first day of July next following the election, and shall assume office as president on the first day of July immediately following that year.

Other comments: Need to focus on signature projects and look at distribution of grants to causes. Signature projects identified by committees are to come to the board. Club has been most successful when there is a signature project. Let’s work on this year and the next five years as well. Need to take a step back and evaluate what we are getting good return of investments IE. Amount of time and funds to carry out pancakes for example.

Article 5 Meetings

Section 1 – Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of this club shall be held on the 2nd Monday of November in each year, at which time the election of officers and directors to serve for the ensuing year shall take place.

*Proposed Motion: I move that a Nominations Committee chaired by Cathy Zell, and including Ody Norkin, Jim Folkening and Christy Swope be formed to recruit members to serve as club officers and directors for the 2018-19 Rotary year.- Todd moved and John Seconded. Vote to approve formation of a committee-all approved*

1. Peace Quest Project – September 17, 2017

*Proposed Motion: ~~I move that our club be a co-sponsor at $100 for the Peace Quest~~ This project is being held at MSU on September 17, 2017 and that we encourage club members to ATTEND and assist in promoting membership in the club by staffing the club table at this event. Scheduled for 2 hours. This event is in sync with the Rotary mission.*

*Ody Norkin has pledged to personally donate $100 to sponsor the Peace Quest.*

*Motion to approve promotion of the event to the club, clubs families, and friends, and help staff the booth. –John moved and Kristin seconded.*

*Everyone approved of motion*

1. Committee Activities and Goals

As a follow-up to our July Board Retreat, a personalized worksheet was sent to each committee chair requesting that they prepare and submit a committee work plan to our Club Visioning Chair -- Jim Folkening – that includes: a listing of committee members, a description of the committee charge, 2017committee goals and activities and an identification of any needed financial support or board policy. To date, work plans have not been received from committee chairs. In order to move forward with our planning, we really need everyone’s cooperation and input. Please forward your plans to Jim Folkening (as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, September 8, 2017).

Other comments made:

Need to spell out what the PR committee will be doing, will they be fundraising? If not we need to consider a fundraising committee.

Should we rename Pancakes in the Park?

Kristin asked for a list of tasks assigned to the PR.

Need to identify for each committee which tasks they have to raise money and distribute.

Decisions have to be made by December 1. Need to ask at Monday a meeting what we should do as far as pancakes. (This suggestion was later amended by the board with a consensus to devote September 20th board meeting to focus entirely on Pancakes in the Park.)

1. Charitable Contributions Proposal

Our club has a rich history of supporting worthy causes via grants to various local and international projects. As we look to the future, how can we make sure that we, as a club, are able continue this legacy? How do we distribute the funds we raise and support future community/international initiatives? What’s the best way to engage our members and garner their support for these efforts? How do we determine which project(s) merit our support? A committee comprised of Jim Folkening, Ody Norkin, John Saltzgaber and Cathy Zell has formulated the attached proposal for our discussion and action.

Dedicate Sept board meeting to signature project. After board meets take to the Monday meeting.

*Proposed Motion: I move that we adopt the Charitable Contributions Proposal as presented/amended and forward it to the club membership for discussion and action.*

1. **President Elect’s Report – Cathy Zell**

# September Programs

*Cathy was unable to attend this board meeting.*

1. **Secretary/President Elect Nominee Report – Christy Swope (no report at this time)**
2. **Committee Reports**
   1. **Community Service/Vocational Committee – Kristin Shelley**
   2. **The Rotary Foundation – Katie Donovan**
   3. **International Committee – Gian Luca Gamberini**
   4. **Membership Committee – Nathan Triplett**
   5. **Visioning/Goalkeeping Committee – Jim Folkening**
   6. **Youth Initiatives Committee – Daria Buzun & Laura Hosey**
   7. **East Lansing Rotary Foundation – Joe Osypczuk**
3. **Announcements**
4. **Adjournment: John motion to adjourn and Kristin seconded. Ended at 1:30PM**