**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by Club President Mark Henne, who recognized a Board Quorum.

**Board Members in attendance**: Bill Armstrong, Jim Folkening, Laura Hosey, Mark Henne, Sung Lee, Nancy Marr, Ody Norkin, Kristin Shelley and Bill Webb.

**Board Members Absent**: Chris Nugent, John Saltzgaber, Joe Osypczuk (ex-officio), Ingrid Nova (ex-officio)

**Other Members in Attendance**: Bob Davis

N. Marr agreed to keep minutes, in Ingrid’s absence.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

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

**Treasurer’s Report**

B. Armstrong read Noah Smith’s letter regarding attendance and past dues owing. MOTION by B. Armstrong, second by O. Norkin, to accept N. Smith’s offer of $515 for Jan – Jun 2018 dues with no further money owing, along with resignation from club. Motion PASSED.

**President’s Report**

Discussion of how to fill the positions of 2019 – 2020 President and President-Elect. Some ideas discussed were establishing a committee responsible for the scheduling of speakers, the role I. Nova serves in supporting the speaker process, suggestions to contact Cathy Zell regarding members she spoke with about filling these positions. B. Webb asked for a boiler plate “contact/followup with a speaker” email that he can add to his SOP documents for the club – N. Marr will provide this to him.

**President-Elect’s Report**

Nancy Marr reported upcoming speakers:

Nov 19 – Dori Leyko, EL superintendent

Nov 26 – Brad Funkhouser, CATA

Dec 3 – Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum

Dec 10 – holiday party (music by Laura Hosey and her brother, Ody Norkin, Iris Linder)

Dec 17 – Kathy Shoaf, Travel RN

Jan 14 – Jack Brown, Wilson Talent Center

K. Shelley and the Community Service committee will be scheduling March speakers. March 25 will be vocational excellence awards.

**Committee Reports**

Community Service/Vocational Committee – Kristin Shelley

MOTION by J. Folkening, second by L. Hosey, to approve that the Community Service/Vocational Committee spend up to $500 on the Giving Tree through St. Vincent Catholic Charity. Motion PASSED.

K. Shelley further reported that this $500 will come out of their budget of $4200. And she gave an update on the committee’s budget is allocated to grants such as East Lansing High School post-prom event, etc.

International Committee – Bill Armstrong, Sung Lee

The Committee continues to look at a project for textile workers in Bangladesh and India regarding access to sanitary napkins. There are two MSU professors from Bangladesh that have the idea of making sanitary napkins from leftover material at clothing manufacturing plants in Bangladesh and then providing those products to their female employees, allowing them to continue to work rather than stay at home during their menses. They would need a substantial grant of $15,000 - $25,000. The board discussed this large amount of money that was needed and how best to help this project. O. Norkin reminded the board that if EL Rotary Club is one of sponsoring clubs then we would have to raise half those funds. Also need a corresponding club in Bangladesh. More details were discussed, like having US clothing manufacturers or a company like Meijer be a large sponsor of this program and it was agreed that S. Lee should contact the interested club in Bangladesh to gather more information and do community needs assessment that is required by Rotary International then present board and club with an executive summary of the project.

Membership Committee – Bill Webb

Recruitment and retention update was distributed and includes a monthly information and snapshot of membership news.

The dues collection policy was distributed and discussed. This committee will be making recommendations for updating this policy.

Visioning/Goalkeeping Committee – Jim Folkening

J. Folkening presented a sheet with a breakdown of club dues, fees and costs.

He then gave an update on the website, which should be live by Jan. 1, 2019. It is currently being populated with minutes, policies, bylaws and such.

He promoted the wine tasting membership event in December.

Youth Initiatives Committee – Laura Hosey

There is a Rotaract meeting tonight and another international dinner is being planned possibly for February.

East Lansing Rotary Foundation – Bob Davis reported

Haven House needed a new upright freezer so B. Davis and J. Osypczuk ordered and purchased one. It cost about $600 and Haven House was very pleased because they store a lot of frozen food.

**New Business**

None.

Assessment of Club Decision-making and Implementation

Mark Henne deferred this item to a future meeting for the sake of time.

The Rotary Foundation – Sung Lee

There was discussion about how difficult it was to get members to donate. It was noted that many people prefer electronic payments over checks.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to conduct, President Henne adjourned the meeting at 1:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Marr

Acting Recording Secretary