**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Mark Henne, who recognized a Board Quorum.

**Board Members in attendance**: Bill Armstrong, Mark Henne, Ody Norkin, Chris Nugent, Steve Serkaian, Kristin Shelley and Bill Webb.

**Board Members Absent**: Sung Lee.

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

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

No official minutes were taken on June 20, 2019. President Henne noted that the 2019-2020 Budget and slate of officers were approved. *[Mark to provide both]*

**Treasurer’s Report**

Bill Armstrong reported that the revenue from dues is lower than expected. Mark Henne was able to reduce the guarantee at the UClub down to 32 people, which will help with expenses. B. Armstrong reported that there is just over $22,000 in a savings account.

It was reported that there are two new members in the works, so we are on the right track.

MOTION by C. Nugent, second by O. Norkin, to accept the Treasurer’s Report and place on file. Motion PASSED.

**President Report**

There was discussion regarding a new fundraising ad hoc committee. It should be a joint effort between the Foundation and the Club. Chris Nugent will discuss this with Sung Lee to discover the best approach.

MOTION by K. Shelley, second by O. Norkin, to approve the Leave of Absence of Jackson Kaguri from July 1 to August 31. Motion PASSED.

Discussion was held regarding the 2019 – 2020 club meetings. The golf outing will be held on September 9, but there will still be a meeting at the UClub because of the location of the outing. There will not be a speaker that day, but lunch will still be at the club.

Discussion was held regarding a potential vocational visit in the fall to the Islamic Center. Chris Nugent will follow up to confirm the date, looking at September 23 in coordination with World Peace Day on September 21, or October 7 as a backup date.

Board meetings will continue to be the third Thursday at noon at the East Lansing Library unless other plans are made.

Assistant Gov. Rita LaMoreaux is scheduled to visit the club in September 16. District Gov. Margie Haas will visit the club on September 30.

**President Elect Report**

*No report.*

**Secretary Report**

*No report.*

**Committee Reports**

Community Service/Vocational Committee—Chris Nugent

The House of Promise has requested a $15,000 grant from East Lansing Rotary Club. In light of necessary matching funds, no decision will be made until the committee can meet and discuss.

International Committee—Chris Nugent

the committee is continuing to work on funding for the Ella Pad Project.

Membership Committee—Bill Webb

Discussion was held regarding potentially having the Foundation President serve as a voting member of the board. It was determined that this was a potential conflict of interest due to the 501(c)3 status of the Foundation.

MOTION by K. Shelley, second by B. Armstrong, to accept Steven Gonzalez as a new member as of July 18, 2019. Motion PASSED.

Discussion was held regarding the need for a new coordinator for the Rotaract Club. Ingrid nova is to send out a notice to the membership requesting volunteers for this position.

Visioning/Goalkeeping Committee

Youth Initiatives

Bill Webb reported that the complete $12,000 has been distributed for the students’ scholarships.

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Public Image—Steve Serkaian

Discussion was held regarding adding Monica Michael to the Public Image Committee.

Discussion was held regarding credit card usage for meals and dues, and whether the subsequent fee should be passed on to the credit card user or not.

MOTION by O. Norkin, second by C. Nugent, that the East Lansing Rotary club shall commence as soon as practical acceptance of credit cards for dues payments and for payment of weekly meals. The specific merchant information will be researched and will be voted on via email once a suggestion is made. Motion amended to add that the 3% fee be reviewed on the anniversary date to see if it is adversely affecting anything. Motion PASSED.

**Adjournment**

The next Board Meeting will be held on August 15.

There being no further business to conduct, Mark Henne adjourned the meeting at 12:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ingrid Nova

Club Administrative Secretary