**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:11 pm by Mark Henne, who recognized that there was NO Board Quorum.

**Board Members in attendance**: Bill Armstrong, Mark Henne, Sung Lee, Kristin Shelley and Bill Webb.

**Board Members Absent**: Ody Norkin, Chris Nugent, Steve Serkaian

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

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

No quorum for approval. Minutes will be reviewed and approved at the February meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Bill Armstrong reported that meal expenses are still down and that the Club is $950 in the black for the six months.

Discussion ensued regarding the annual budget and attempts to reduce costs. A decision was made to no longer fund lunches for the Board meetings. Starting with the February Board Meeting, Board members who want lunch should plan to pack and bring their own.

Discussion was held regarding creating a Budget Review Team in order to review the budget and make recommendations.  The review team should include Jeff Fineis, Bill Armstrong and Ingrid Nova.

A discussion was held regarding the cost of dues, and whether a dues increase should be considered. Ingrid Nova will contact area Rotary clubs to determine what their club dues are for comparison.

**President Report**

A formal resignation received from Phyllis Riley and she was removed from the Club as of January 8, 2020.

**President Elect Report**

Sung Lee will be attending Pre-PETS and PETS in February and March. He is continuing to obtain speakers for the club.

There was discussion regarding Happy Bucks and where the money should be designated.

PE Lee wishes to have a “Taste of East Lansing” event as his Signature Event as President. Different ideas were discussed as possibilities.  They will be discussed in detail with the appropriate committee.

**Secretary Report**

*No report.*

**Committee Reports**

Community Service/Vocational Committee—Kristin Shelley

Texas Hold ‘em is a go!

Haslett/Okemos Rotary will hold a Heroes Lunch on Feb. 12 at Ukai.

Vocational Awards- forms will be available at the next meeting on January 13.  The forms will be due by Feb. 3. The awards are given at a special meeting in March.

Student Excellence Awards- Kristin is reaching out to the schools regarding these awards.

International Committee—

A $6,000 check was sent to Bangladesh Rotary Club. The project is going forward.  We are still awaiting a grant from the Lansing Rotary Club, in the amount of $5,000. Melissa Rill is hoping to go to Bangladesh to review the project in person.

Membership Committee—Bill Webb

Discussion was held regarding proposed dues policy revisions for membership team to consider. Areas to consider revising- when monies should be received (changing from “end of the quarter” to “no later than the 10th of the following month”) and implementing late fees- “$25 late fee for every month, not to exceed $75/Qtr.” No decision was made at this time.

Visioning/Goalkeeping Committee

*No report.*

Youth Initiatives

*No report.*

East Lansing Rotary Foundation

$3,600 giving so far to The Rotary Foundation.  No donations to date for PolioPlus.

Public Image

*No report.*

**Adjournment**

The next Board Meeting will be held on February 13.

There being no further business to conduct, Mark Henne adjourned the meeting at 1:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ingrid Nova

Club Administrative Secretary