**\*\*\* Meeting held via ZOOM Webinar \*\*\***

**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 pm by Sung Lee, who recognized that there was a Board Quorum.

**Board Members in attendance**: Bill Armstrong, Nathan Ekola, Jim Folkening, Mark Henne, Sung Lee, Ody Norkin, Chris Nugent, Ger Schultink, Kristin Shelley, Keith Thomas, Bill Webb

**Board Members Absent**: Joshua Clayton, Monica Michael

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

Sung reviewed his document for the Club Assembly scheduled for November 16. Discussion was held regarding the logistics for Monday’s Club Assembly, and what will be discussed on Monday.

It was decided that a membership updated recruitment plan is important for Monday’s Club Assembly. It was decided that Ger will give an update regarding face-to-face meetings: when they would be allowed, and when they will potentially be held at the University Club. The third item to be discussed will be the need for active projects, spearheaded by Nathan Ekola.

There was discussion that action is needed, not just talk about various projects. There needs to be joint approval.

Bill Webb, Ger Schultink and Nathan Ekola have been named as Moderators during Club Assembly. Past District Gov. Margie Haas has also been invited to attend.

Bill Webb gave an update of his membership report, including the points that will be discussed at the Club Assembly on November 16. He felt that the assembly would be an informational meeting about where we are, where we would want to go, and the nuts and bolts of the operation in term of going back to face-to-face and the issues surrounding that and the MSU UClub. We would also need to inform the club about the direction that the board thinks that the club will be going. We would need to solicit the club members’ feedback on those items.

Bill Webb reported that there are three major points and the greatest challenges for the clubs are to:

* Overcome member apathy
* Attract new members and retain current members
* Build greater community awareness and understanding

Steve Melnyck had a vision plan, regarding how to get involved. An action plan is needed for the club.

Sung reported that there are 12 members who have not been involved at all in the meetings, and is looking for volunteers to personally call these members to touch base with them:

Bob Davis, Ed Hagan, Tom Hoffmeyer, Paul Hanysz, Iris Linder, Willie Lonsghore, Jeff Powers, Dennis Rosenbrook, John Saltzgaber, Steve Serkaien, Richard Simonds, Jeff Williams. Board members divided the names to call and touch base with these members.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

MOTION by Mark Henne, second by Bill Webb, to accept the minutes from the August 13, 2020 Board Meeting. Motion PASSED.

President Sung wants to lower the number of people required for a board meeting quorum to five people so that more action can be taken, even if an official quorum is not available. The question was asked of whether or not it conforms with the bylaws.

It was confirmed in our bylaws that electronic votes can be made, therefore a reduction in the number two be a quorum is not required.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Armstrong reported that overall, the budget is balanced. We were able to get just over $800 from the Noodles and Company fundraiser. We also received a check from David Middlemen for $500, which said “in memory of Jack Davis.” It is unclear whether or not this money should have gone to the East Lansing Rotary Club Foundation. At this point, it has been deposited into Miscellaneous Income.

Discussion was held regarding the budget deficit. It was confirmed that if donations need to be made, then funds need to be raised specifically for that.

Keith Thomas reported that there was a member that donated $1,000 to the East Lansing Rotary Club Foundation. There is also another member that made a significant donation to the Rotary International Foundation. All members’ donations are much appreciated. The goal is for each member to donate $100 per year (Every Rotarian Every Year, EREY). We need to keep that membership message going out on a regular basis.

A question was asked regarding the $37.50 per quarter for the international service projects. That would account for the difference between the $72.50 and $103. It was suggested that the Board consider removing that money, as the best projects are those with a targeted budget, and raising the funds for that. The $37.50 has been in irritation for many members, not knowing where the money is going.

Question is regarding the billing for the University Club, and how has it had been done in the past.

MOTION by Ger Schultink, second by Chris, to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Motion PASSED.

**President’s Report—Sung Lee**

**President-Elect Report—Chris Nugent**

**Secretary Report—**

No report

**Community Service—Chris Nugent**

Monday, as part of the Club Assembly, Chris will try to recruit new members for the Community Service Committee.

Discussion was held regarding membership, including who has been terminated, and what to do with past due amounts.

**Social Engagements—Nathan Ekola**

Nathan is looking forward to chairing this committee, and will try to arrange meetings with members. These would be meetings with five members or less, in light of the current situations. We need to find a way to keep it engaging. There are multiple possibilities, whether we meet at a bar, winetasting, Korean barbecue, or even an early coffee meeting. That would be an opportunity for small groups of Rotarians even via Zoom or in a room together. It is from the bottom up, important to get everyone involved.

Discussion was held regarding postponing the club assembly to November 23. It was decided to move the Club Assembly to Nov. 23, and Ody will contact Mark Grebner to see if he can present on Nov. 16.

**International Committee—Ger Schultink**

**Membership Committee—Bill Webb**

**East Lansing Rotary Club Foundation—Joe Osypczuk**

An update was given for the Haven House Thanksgiving project. As of today they have raised $925 for the Thanksgiving project. That already surpasses last year. Last year they had only collected $900 via pop can collection. They are also more checks coming in.

**Adjournment**

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on December 10, via Zoom webinar unless otherwise noted.

There being no further business to conduct, Sung Lee adjourned the meeting at 1:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Ingrid Nova**

Club Administrative Secretary