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

**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:09 pm by Sung Lee, who recognized that there was a Board Quorum.

**Board Members in attendance**: Bill Armstrong, Nathan Ekola, Sung Lee, Chris Nugent, Ody Norkin, Ger Schultink, Kristin Shelley, Bill Webb

**Board Members Absent**: Joshua Clayton, Mark Henne, Monica Michael, Keith Thomas

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

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treas. Armstrong reported that we have a positive balance of around $10,000. Many of the members are still paying the full amount, even though there are no costs for lunch. The estimate for June will depend on how much money is given away in various projects, and whether or not we have lunches again on a semi regular basis. It is estimated that the club will break even or be slightly positive at the end of June. We need to be thinking ahead to July 1 so that we know what the dues structure will be for the coming year. We do not want to be caught short again for future years, or needing to make adjustments, etc. We need to be cognizant of the fact that as the meeting formats change, including lunches, etc. the dues and potential income will vary.

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

**Peter Dewan** gave a report on the status of East Lansing, referencing the program recently from Adam Cummins. There is a potential partnership with the City of East Lansing. Peter gave an update of the **Daytime. Nighttime. Anytime**. project with the city of East Lansing. Peter suggests that the board begins the discussion of what we feel that the Rotary club of East Lansing can contribute to this project. Beyond that, what level of participation do we see the club having, which could include the potential for volunteer hours, etc.

Discussion was held regarding a potential matching program. Perhaps the Foundation could match up to $1500. That would leave a potential balance of $2000 to raise.

President Sung said that he felt passion for this project, and would like to come up with the $500 to start this project. That way the Rotary club of East Lansing name can be in the signage for the downtown East Lansing project. The membership needs to be notified that we are soliciting pledges from the membership for this project.

Discussion was held regarding the potential for a District matching grant. The deadline will be in February, so the potential of donated funds would need to be before February 10, 2021.

As of today, the initial goal will be $5,000. Chris Nugent will chair this project, and will work up a plan to present to the membership. There would then be a potential of $5,000 matching donation from the East Lansing Rotary Club Foundation.

MOTION by Ger Schultink, second by Bill Armstrong, to set a fundraising goal of $5,000 and to designate the Community Service Committee to chair the downtown East Lansing crowdfunding project. Motion PASSED.

We need to make sure that we take an orderly approach to raising the funds.

Discussion was held regarding the Christians Greenhouse coupons. This will be a potential spring project.

A question was raised whether the proceeds from the Noodle and Company fundraising project was sent to the Weekend Survival Kit Project. Bill Armstrong will write a check to the project from that fundraiser.

It was confirmed that we are receiving funds for the Guatemala smokeless stove program. With those donations, the total amount of the project has been funded.

Bob Davis has agreed to step up as the Membership Chairperson, replacing Bill Webb. Many thanks to Bill Webb for his service!

**Mission Statement**

MOTION by Ger Schultink, second by Bill Armstrong, to approve the following statement as the Rotary club of East Lansing’s Mission Statement: ***East Lansing Rotary Club members working together with local partners to create positive change in our community, across the globe, and in ourselves.*** Motion PASSED.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

MOTION by Bill Armstrong, second by Ger Schultink, to accept the minutes from the December 10, 2020 Board Meeting. Motion PASSED.

**Club Officer Election**

Nothing has been confirmed with the potential candidates. A discussion needs to be held between the club officers to confirm potential candidates. This will be addressed at the next Board meeting in February.

Jim Folkening recommended that potential candidates for club officers review the website, including all of the documents that are in the member only section.

There was discussion regarding the website, ensuring that everything is up-to-date. There was a possibility that a club member be nominated to be a webmaster, assisting with the updates of the website. There is also a need for updated information on all of the social media platforms.

Chris Nugent confirmed that Nathan Ekola is willing to serve as Club Secretary next year, and to serve as President Elect the following year. Maribeth Fletcher will be approached to see if she may be interested in assisting with the social media and website updates.

There being no further business to conduct, Sung Lee adjourned the meeting at 1:06 PM. The next meeting will be February 11, 2021 at 12 Noon via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

**Ingrid Nova**

Club Administrative Secretary