

ROTARY CLUB OF EDMONDS

Approved Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
January 7, 2009

Board Present: Vern Chase, Kathy Dahlstrom, Pauline Gubbels, Don Henderson, Michael Kealy, Carol Kinney, Pam LeMay, Joel Phillipps, Doug Purcell, and Frank Yamamoto

Board Absent: Brent Hagen, Pam Halsan and Val Mohney

Guest: Bill Keppler

The meeting was called to order by President Doug at 7:33am. A quorum was present.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the December 3, 2008 Board Meeting were approved. It was agreed that Pam L. would provide Minutes of the December 2, 2008 Annual Meeting of the Club and the Club Foundation that would include the unanimous vote on the 2009-2010 Rotary Board.

Treasurer's Report: Joel reported the following balances:

Crime Watch	\$11,592	General Fund	\$22,134
Money Market	\$87,434	Waterfront Festival	\$ 3,069

He also provided the board with a Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual for July 2008 through June 2009.

Action Items

Carry-over: Joel will review the status of the current Merchant Services account including past charges. Doug and Joel will bring the board ideas about potential CD investments for club funds.

President's Report: Doug reported that A. J. Hedberg has resigned from her position as Assistant District Governor. He will be sending her a card and flowers from our club. A \$150 check has been sent to be used toward the Rotary float in the Rose Parade as has been our tradition. The new guaranteed attendance for club meeting lunches will be 27 at the current price. Doug will be presenting an \$1800 check to the Edmonds Center for the Arts for our club's sponsorship of selected programs.

Action Items

Doug will send a card and flowers to A. J. Hedberg. Joel will provide Doug an \$1800 payable to the Edmonds Center for the Arts.

Vice-President's Report: Pauline reported that the Strategic Planning committee will be meeting at noon on February 1st. Doug offered the use of his conference room.

Directors' Reports:

Membership – Michael reported that Elizabeth Crouch has requested a 6 months leave of absence (January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009). He will also be having a committee meeting to review the current categories of our members to identify potential categories for recruiting new members. It was noted that guest, Bill Keppler, will be given his blue badge at the next club meeting.

Action Item

Carry-over: Those with 100% Attendance will be commended at a club meeting.

Service Projects – Don reported that he will be facilitating the purchase of Rotary First Harvest gift cards during the month of February to maximize the “match” option. He will also contact Ollie and Rudy to encourage them to arrange a “hands-on” volunteer day at the warehouse, encouraging new members (as well as old) to see firsthand the work done by Rotary First Harvest. Carol made a motion for the club to provide scholarships for 5 female Rabuor orphans through their secondary education (four years) at approximately \$650 per year. The board requested that she complete the Service committee's Project Approval form and submit the request to the committee so that it can come before the board in February.

Action Items

Don will purchase a year's worth of Rotary First Harvest gift cards. Don will contact Oli and Rudy to represent the club by doing some “hands-on” volunteer work with Rotary First Harvest.

Carol will complete the new project form for her proposal for the club to sponsor 5 female Rabuor orphans for four years.

Carry-over: Doug will appoint a task force to pursue the “They Shall Walk Lifesuit” (Monty's) project.

RI Foundation –Kathy reported that all paperwork on individual donations is up-to-date. She also indicated that Warren would like to begin to transition out of chairing the Scholarship Committee. He asked Pam L. to work with him this year in anticipating her chairing the committee next year. Additionally, Kathy recommended that this committee remain under RI Foundation for another year. The board approved. Discussion also included recognizing Warren's longstanding excellent scholarship work.

Action Item

Warren's outstanding work on the Scholarship Committee will be recognized by the club.

Public Relations – Vern shared recent press releases and said that Frank has agreed to display Rotary marketing material in his business. Before mid-February, Pat Thorpe will be putting out another club newsletter. Vern will redistribute the club projects' list asking for feedback to him so that the list can be finalized.

Action Items

Vern will redistribute the club projects' list. He will also get a publicity rack to Frank for displaying Rotary marketing material.

Carry-over: Pat Thorpe will publish the Backwash. Vern will research possibilities for including a phone number and website address in all publicity and marketing efforts. He will report back to the board about the infrastructure needed for those two marketing modalities.

Club Administration: No report---However, the board thanked Carol for hosting the fun Holiday Party.

Fund Raising: Frank asked the board to give him ideas for new fund raising events/projects. It was agreed that there would be a brainstorming session at an upcoming meeting. Frank also reported that the Edmonds Chamber of Commerce has decided to no longer sponsor the Hot Autumn Nights Car Show. There was discussion about the visibility/funds our club could get by sponsoring this project. Frank was asked to get more information.

Action Items

Frank will work with Doug and Pam H. to identify a time for fund raising brainstorming at a club meeting. Frank will also gather more information about what is involved in the car show project.

Carry-over: Doug and Vern will renegotiate the Waterfront Festival contract with the Port of Edmonds. If the raffle is approved by the club members, Doug will complete the gambling application.

Old Business: Pam L. reported that Mary Kay (Edmonds Bookstore) said she would like to provide the book gift certificates after the holidays. It was suggested that these certificates could be given to the club's Students of the Month, among other uses.

Action Item

Carry-over: Pam L. will contact Mary Kay, again.

New Business: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55am.

The next Board meeting is on February 4, 2009 at 7:30am in the Port of Edmonds Commissioners' Room. Any director unable to attend is requested to send a report to Doug.

Respectfully submitted, Pam LeMay