

ROTARY CLUB OF EDMONDS
Draft Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
October 3, 2007

ATTENDANCE

Board Present: Kathy Dahlstrom, Pauline Gubbels, Pam Halsen, Michael Kealy, Pam LeMay, Susan St. Germaine, Don Schmutz, Pat Shields

Guests Present: Vern Chase, Don Henderson, Jeanne Hanson, Carol Kinney, Pat Thorpe, Frank Yamamoto, David Zhou

Board Absent: Alex Hopkins, Doug Purcell, Larry Throndsen

Call to Order: Pat opened the meeting at 7:30am.

1. Agenda: Don Henderson asked for time to present an item for board consideration.
2. Secretary's Report: September 5, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes were approved.
3. Treasurer's Financial Report: Susan reported that electronic invoices for quarterly meals have been sent out. If a second reminder is needed, it will be sent by regular mail. There is \$2400 in past dues.

Action Items

Susan will send Pat S. the list of those in behind in dues for his personal follow-up. She will also send the board and Kirk (for posting on the Backwash) the final figures for the September monthly trial balance.

4. Directors' & Vice-President's Reports:

Vice-President – Pauline reported that the Strategic Planning Committee met twice in September---once to get more information on club history; second meeting was directors' reports from Membership, PR and Club Administration. October 22, the committee will meet with Kirk and Kathy re Foundations and Don re Service Projects. She indicated that Saturday, January 12, has been selected as the date for the Strategic Planning Retreat—location TBD. She expressed concern about the chairmanship of the Holiday Party.

Action Item

Pauline will ask Frank to check with Bruce Hoegemann re his willingness to co-chair the Holiday Party and future involvement with the club.

Membership – Michael reported that Dennis Gallagher has resigned from the club and asked the board to approve membership for Dr. Meenakshi Tomar, DDS (sponsored by Jeff Martin)—Moved/Seconded/Past. He will be following up with members who have missed meetings and announced an ad hoc group (Health Watchers) met to discuss ways the club can benefit from its health

experts. This “club within a club” may provide health tips in addition to the run/walk events.

Action Items

Pam L. will send Michael a year-to-date attendance summary. Michael will check with Rebecca and Carol will check with Meena re club involvement and attendance.

Service Projects – Don S. brought up challenges with the coordinated effort of the Holiday Shopping Spree that we do with the Daybreakers Club. He mentioned that Rotary First Harvest will be making a presentation at the December 11th meeting. It was suggested that we have a food drive for our local food bank at that meeting, too. Carol was complimented on her wonderful report in the Backwash re her recent trip to Rabour Village. She pointed out that we might want to consider one large international project. The Rabour vocational training center could be that future project. The \$65,000 water project grant project is still moving forward. She presented a request made by Carl for us to provide financial support to earthquake victims in Peru since we had a past relationship with a group when our club supported them with sheet metal tools. The board determined that funding was not available in this year’s budget.

Action Items

Don S. will email Pat S. who will contact Daybreakers’ Rotary Club with issues that need coordination for the Holiday Shopping Spree. Susan will prepare the \$500 check to Rotary First Harvest for presentation by Don S. at the December 11th meeting. Pam H. will notify members re the food drive. Don S. will coordinate with Vern and Elizabeth re the \$1500 for sponsorship of the Young Artists’ Program.

RI Foundation – Kathy reported that up to now, points have been used as the club match for member donations. Beginning in October, she will be asking Susan to cut checks for the matches per the approved budget. Warren’s scholarship committee met and decided that the \$21,000 in scholarship funds will be allocated as follows: six \$1565 scholarships to Scriber Lake High School and eight \$1465 scholarships to be distributed between Edmonds Woodway and Meadowdale High Schools.

Public Relations – Vern reported that he had met with the Strategic Planning Committee; Carol was just interviewed by the HERALD about her Rabour Village work and our club’s sponsorship, and he will continue to work with Aaron Reardon’s staff to foster our club involvement in the county’s Winter Olympics initiatives.

Club Administration – Pam H. reported that the Nominating Committee headed by incoming president, Doug Purcell, will begin its work. The slate of officers will be announced at the meetings on November 13, 20, 27 with the election held on December 4th in conjunction with our “State of the Club” meeting. She also

pointed out that the club bylaws need some updating and correction of typos. The board passed a resolution to review the bylaws and to pick-up any typos and inconsistencies. One of the problems noted was that the Fundraising Chair is not in accord with Rotary International and that our club should revise our bylaws to remove that position from the board. Carol will be hosting the next Fireside--- topic and date/time TBD.

Action Item

Pam H. will bring to the November board meeting any recommended changes or corrections that need to be made to the club bylaws.

Fund Raising – Director absent; no report. Don H. expressed concern as to how drastically the plans for the spring auction have changed. He presented the board with a summary of his understanding of the auction planning meetings that had been held. The board had quite a discussion about the change in dates as related to cash flow issues (especially the impact on the scholarship budget); the fact that the original auction committee members were not included in the decision or the meeting that led to the change in dates; and that the board passed a resolution that directed the President to contact Larry and request him to reconvene the original committee, the new committee and anyone else who wanted to attend and help with the auction event. The clearly stated goal of the board was to have this event occur in the current Rotary year.

Action Items

Pat S. will contact Larry asking him to reconvene the original auction committee and any others who would like to work on an auction that should be held within this Rotary year. Fundraising will be removed from the bylaws so that our bylaws will be in greater alignment with Rotary International guidelines. This will be reflected in the bylaw changes that Pam H. is working on.

5. Old Business – Nothing

6. New Business – Jeanne and Frank reviewed the current involvement of our club with the Edmonds Chamber of Commerce's 4th of July festivities. They identified upcoming needs for organizational leadership and volunteers stating that this could be a wonderful way to increase visibility and community service.

Action Item

Jeanne, Frank and Vern will put together a proposal summarizing what our club involvement would be and give it to Pat S. for consideration at the November board meeting.

The board had a discussion about the perception of some members that there were decisions being made by individuals in the club (including the four presidents this year) that should have been presented to the board for action. It was decided that any communications regarding the club at least be circulated

among the board members, and in some cases, sent to the entire club membership.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05am.

Next meeting will be on November 7th at 7:30am at the Port Commission Meeting Room. Any director unable to attend is requested to send a report to Pat Shields, 2nd Quarter President.

Respectfully submitted—Pam LeMay