

DRAFT MEETING NOTES
5/19/04 ROTARY BOARD

Present: Chase, Thronsen, Longstaff, Hyde, Dahlstrom, Meeks, Kealy, Hopkins, Crouch, Henderson, Wiggins, Bradbury, Halsan

Meeting called to order at 7:35 a.m., Port of Edmonds Commission Room

Minutes of the April meeting were unavailable due to illness of the Secretary.

Treasurer's Report - Mike Meeks' report of P&L to date reveals that the club has accomplished a great number of good works. In spite of the monies spent, every budget area is under spending. At this time approximately \$10,000 remains, in contrast to budget projections. The complete financial report is attached to the permanent record of these minutes. For the record, Michael Kealy states the report is useful and easily-understood.

The Rotary Foundation / Paul Harris Accounts - Individual members may access their personal records by going to the RI website. Using the member number on the magazine mailing label, access is established by following a series of prompts.

The Club's internal foundation / 501 (c) (3) - The \$15,000 proceeds from the auction needs to be transferred to the foundation's account. There remains some confusion among members concerning how deposits to/withdrawals from the account occur. (Because there was delay in establishing the internal foundation, expenditures for scholarships have come from the general club account - since auction money currently resides in that account.) As soon as feasible the balance from auction funds raised vs. scholarships paid will be moved to the club foundation account. The treasurer recommends that the Community Service committee draw up a separate scholarship budget to present to the foundation board.

Alex Hopkins cautions to be conservative in case of any shortfall in future years. *i.e.*, Elizabeth Crouch asks if there will "always" be an auction - it was learned that Bill Moran has already agreed to chair the next auction, and that the goal will again be for scholarship funding. Other goals could be identified - such as the arts - but perhaps the present auction committee wouldn't organize such an event. They are deeply committed to scholarships. Joan Longstaff asks if any thought has been given to a contribution to the new performing arts center - the window of opportunity will be brief. \$5000 is the typical gift being solicited; at that level a plaque is placed noting the donor.

The question was asked if the 'original' memorial fund amount is now in the club's foundation. It is, around \$3000, and it's important to keep that available as a separate amount because it was earmarked for a project within the Port of Edmonds; the monies were received in memoriam to deceased club members, designated to an "educational/ children's" project within the Port. While it was receipt of these gifts that launched the idea of a club foundation years ago, has the expenditure line blurred? *i.e.*, do any future memorial gifts get set aside for a Port project? Or do they become part of the foundation's general account?

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Waterfront Festival - Karen Wiggins states that sponsor dollars are lower than ever, despite raising the percentage to the consultant. She feels other specialists in recruiting sponsors need to be sought out; Michael Kealy accepted the responsibility and will move on it soon. Joan Longstaff suggests contacting the Vancouver, BC, Chamber of Commerce, a known entity in successful festival production; Karen will follow through with that later this summer. Last year's invoices are being reviewed to assure no detail is overlooked in the area of facilities. The quality of this year's food and craft vendors is better than ever, and Karen says all else is going well with festival plans.

Centennial Project - In Bill Toskey's absence, Vern Chase reports that the project is in a phase of heavy negotiations between the YWCA's needs, the contractor's limitations, and the Steves' family budgetary influence.

Service Directors -

Club Service - Pam Halsan thanked Elizabeth for an extremely successful club retreat; as President-Elect Elizabeth Crouch now moves on to planning Vern's demotion party on June 29th. Pam will meet with Elizabeth and Alex Hopkins to transition the Club Service role to Alex for the coming club year. Pam asked if Sally Hyde could once again be designated as the sole club's spokesman to the caterer; the idea was tabled since it would have to include dealing with the yacht club.

Community Service - Alex Hopkins reported there are no current requests before his committee. Sally Hyde requested \$2500 for 'Project Warm', a Rotary avenue through which to purchase new winter coats for needy children; she has ordered 250 coats for Clothes for Kids, a local charity we have supported. Alex will take the request to his committee. From Doug Purcell Alex has received a 2-page study defining the function of the club's internal foundation. It will also be published in the Backwash. Michael Kealy suggested we contribute \$250 to Lynnwood Rotary's auction benefiting the local young man who lost both legs while in Prague. SallyHyde moved, Larry Thronsen seconded, unanimous approval. Sally will get the check request to Mike Meeks. She is also working to procure items for the auction. Alex will meet with Elizabeth and _____ to transition the Community Service role to _____ for the coming club year.

International Service - In the absence of Sherry Ramm Vern asked how seriously the club wishes to pursue a sister-club relationship with Thailand. Interest seems high so he will make contacts while in Osaka. Such a relationship could facilitate cooperation on international service projects.

Vocational Service - Michael Kealy reports the Business Exchange visits were once again a success, with high appreciation for Kathy Dahlstrom's assistance. He advises keeping the next year's Vocational Service budget at the same level; in spite of not using all the funds this club year, he sees the activities of this avenue

of service increasing. Michael questioned why the Picnic in the Park falls under Vocational Service. It's because by tradition we were to invite to the event a business acquaintance who is not a Rotarian, yet exemplifies the ideals of Rotary. Over time that aspect has waned, and now the event seems merely social. Incoming service director Kathy Dahlstrom will take this under consideration. It could be transferred to Club service under the banner of Fellowship. (Indeed this has been the case in some years.)

Membership - Joan Longstaff states that Bob Jennings, the newest manager at Bank America, needs to be contacted; also continue to "woo" Vern Woods at WAMU. She will keep up the contact with the pastor of the new North Sound Church. Don Henderson proposes Tori Scott, manager at Key Bank in Shoreline - ironically, someone first hired by Kathy Dahlstrom many years ago. Michael Kealy seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Sally plans to contact a chiropractor on Hiway 99, _____ Saunders; he is a former Rotary Exchange student. Everyone is reminded to put on your best Rotary face when visiting this week's Art Walk sites.

Old Business - A member with serious arrears in dues and fees will be working out of state for the summer; he has made the commitment to catch up by September 15th, and Elizabeth Crouch will coordinate the arrangements between the family and the club treasurer.

New Business - It was learned that Diversified Industries, a sheltered workshop, is in need of a few painters and \$500 worth of paint and other supplies. Member Rod Norman brought this organization to our attention, and it was visited as one of the Business Exchange sites. Michael Kealy will take the requested \$500 from his Vocational Service budget, and will line up some painters.

Sally Hyde announces Rotary Day at the Mariners, scheduled for August _____. Tickets are available online (?) at the 5030 website, and a train will run from Everett to Safeco Field on that day. Despite a sellout already - the Yankees are in town - the Rotary tickets are still available.

Danyo Syoum requested a leave of absence through August; Elizabeth Crouch moved to accept and Karen Wiggins seconded; unanimous approval. The reminder was made that a leave of absence does not eliminate payment of current dues and fees.

Meeting adjourned at 9 a.m.

Recorder, Pam Halsan