

Rotary Board Minutes
September 26, 2018

Those attending: Marty Corley, Lance Werner, Deb Varnak, David Gately, Sandy Smith, Jessica O'Brien, Clarence Hulse, and Terry Voltz. **NOTE: This needs updated – I may have missed persons as I didn't write this down so went from memory.**

Marty Corley called the meeting to order and asked for comments regarding the previous meeting minutes. Deb Varnak made a motion to approve the minutes; Jessica O'Brien seconded the motion. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Varnak reported that Jim Welborne had asked her to bring a recommendation to the meeting in his absence and distributed reports regarding associate member status, attendance history overall for the club, new members, and membership breakdown. He recommended the Board consider reducing the maximum time as an associate member from one year to six months. After much discussion, the group agreed to remain at the one year timeframe stating that many people may need to see the full year cycle of Rotary to make a decision. The group also felt the Associate member guidelines needed to be further reinforced since they require things such as participation in one service project and one committee, which helps encourage retention and assures the individual gets involved enough to make an informed decision. The general feeling was that we are not currently holding persons accountable to the requirements of an associate member and if we begin to do so then having the one year allowance is a reasonable timeframe.

Sandy Smith presented the treasurer's report. Jessica O'Brien made a motion to approve it; Terry Voltz seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Marty reported on the Sensory Garden at Friendship Gardens. He has talked to both Lions Clubs and the Exchange Club and the goal is to raise \$4000 collectively for the garden. Ideas include t-shirts with all club logos and the Kabelin Dollars for Dogs program. He will coordinate the person from Friendship Gardens to speak at a Rotary meeting in late Spring. Marty will continue working on this and exploring t-shirt costs.

Marty reminded the group that the first meeting in December includes elections. Jessica O'Brien agreed to run for President, with Terry Voltz agreeing to be President-Elect. The board members in attendance agreed to consider running for board positions in keeping with their current or proposed roles for next year.

Varnak noted that Jim Welborne also said he would be posting two documents: 1) executive summary of by-laws and constitution and 2) modified by-laws and constitution. We need to tell the membership to review them and choose a date to vote.

The group discussed having an evening social event in place of the last meeting each month to respond to those that find lunch meetings difficult to get to and to build fellowship amongst members. The first one will be December 27 in the bar area at Patrick's Grille. Times were discussed, with an earlier start time, such as 4:30pm or similar, being preferred so persons can go directly from work on their way home. Marty will coordinate and announce this event.

The group reviewed upcoming activities. Another mass member induction will take place October 4. Marty shared that things are on track for the turkey/ham program for Thanksgiving with Blue Chip and Salvation Army participating. Jessica reminded the group of Red Kettle Day on December 22 and Terry agreed to coordinate Boo at the Zoo on October 20. Marty is still looking for a student pick-up coordinator.

The next meeting is October 31 at 2:30pm at MCPD.

Jessica made a motion to adjourn; Lance Werner seconded. All voted aye; motion carried.