

PORT TOWNSEND ROTARY CLUB

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, August 17, 2020

ZOOM Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at 5:20 pm by President Lee Hoffman.

Present: Lee Hoffman, Susan Jacob, Sandy Eherenman, Carla Cardwell, Michael Cavett, Shelly Leavens, Carol Wise, Jim Cunnington and Nathanael O'Hara

Absent: Jim Maupin, Kit Malone and Trent Diamanti

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the July 20, 2020 meeting minutes.

Bylaws

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve wording changes to the bylaws. The complete documents, showing those changes will be sent to the club for approval.

Secretary Report

Susan Jacob reported that 13 members have not paid their dues. A third notice, along with a personal email has been sent. Attempts will be made to reach members by phone who do not respond to that request in a timely manner.

Proposed Board Members

We currently have two people interested in joining the club. Under our current circumstances, it was agreed that they should simply be voted on by the club without following the usual procedure.

Annual Auction

Sandy Eherenman reports that the idea of a business directory as a fund raiser has been proposed. Lee will ask John English to forward that information to the board for review.

Sandy intends to begin auction committee meetings in September.

DEAI Committee

Lee Hoffman proposed a new committee be formed: DEAI, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, Inclusion. The board agreed, and Shelly Leavens has agreed to chair that committee. The board will meet a few more times to form a plan to create actions to become more equitable.

Weekly Meetings

There was discussion about weekly meetings and how to attract new members. An evening meeting was mentioned as an option for young professionals who cannot attend noon meetings.

A reduction of dues was discussed, and it was decided that would be considered only on a case by case basis, if someone finds the dues prohibitive. Nathanael O'Hara pointed out that the \$16,647 dues collected covers approximately only three quarters of the club's annual \$23,000 expenses.

Carla Caldwell offered to draft something to include in new member packets. It will outline the financial expectations of all Rotarians.

Treasurer's Report

Review of the financial reports was deferred to the September Board meeting.

Nathanael O'Hara and Lee Hoffman will meet to work on the charitable budget for next year.

Northwest Maritime Center

We have fulfilled our rental contract with the NWMC that extended through June 2020, as we paid that rent in full. It was brought up that we could make a smaller rent payment to them to remain in good standing. That idea was shelved. Lee will reach out to the Maritime Center.

Happy Bucks

Expenses for using PayPal to collect Happy Bucks will be further talked about at the September board meeting.

Boiler Room Funds

Fund a cause funds (20k) returned to us from the Boiler Room were again talked about. Sandy Eherenman will refer back to a previous meeting where it may have been agreed upon just how those funds should benefit the community.

Shelter Box

Lee would like the board to consider increasing our funding to Shelter Box this year. We currently give \$1,000 which funds one shelter box. We will talk about this at the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm