

# The Holland Noon Rotary Club Board Minutes

Date: January 17, 2023



## Attendance:

### Present

Catherine Ristola Bass (Chair), Elizabeth Scott (President), Kathy DeVries (Incoming President), vacant (President-Elect), John Hoekstra (Secretary), Bev Loughlin (Treasurer), David Meier (Sergeant at Arms), Larry Schuyler (Administrator), Charlie Soria (2023), Jim Hagel (2024), Janet Huyser (2025), Gary Bogle (2026), Jim White (2026)

### Absent

none

### Guests

Mike Moraw

## Business

1. Call to Order. **Action>** Catherine called the meeting to order at 11:04 am
2. The previous minutes were approved with the correction that Larry Schuyler will become an honorary member of the club and not a lifetime member as noted.
3. The financial reports were accepted.
4. Janet Huyser reported Loren Meengs became our newest member and Larry Schuyler is resigning as our administrator because he is no longer an active member. Larry has agreed to attend board meetings as a non-voting member.
5. Our accommodations at the Redrock Grille have been good as well as the food. The smaller space makes the meeting more intimate. The acoustics of the room are difficult to hear, especially when members talk during the speaker. There is not currently an amplification system available. Catherine noted that it will be essential to have a sound system for the meeting this week because our speakers will be on Zoom. David said that he will make arrangements.
6. Adjourn. **Action>** Catherine adjourned the meeting at 11:33 am.

John Hoekstra, secretary

# The Holland Noon Rotary Charities Board Minutes

Date: January 17, 2023



## Attendance:

### Present

Catherine Ristola Bass (Chair), Elizabeth Scott (President), Kathy DeVries (Incoming President), vacant (President-Elect), John Hoekstra (Secretary), Bev Loughlin (Treasurer), David Meier (Sergeant at Arms), Larry Schuyler (Administrator), Charlie Soria (2023), Jim Hagel (2024), Janet Huyser (2025), Gary Bogle (2026), Jim White (2026)

### Absent

none

### Guests

Ed Swart

## Business

1. Call to Order. **Action**> Catherine called the meeting to order at 11:33 am
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
3. The financial reports were accepted.
4. Kathy gave a brief overview of what the team traveling to Kenya next month will be doing. The team consists of Kathy DeVries, Elizabeth Giddings, John and Marj Hoekstra, and our exchange student Liz. They will be visiting several past, present, and potential Rotary projects.
5. Kathy wondered whether the club could say goodbye to the team at the beginning of the February 16<sup>th</sup> club meeting. The team will have to be leaving for Chicago around noon that day, so it might be a gathering in the parking lot. The board was positive about this but wanted to make sure the team didn't miss their plane.
6. WEHOP – Kathy reported that a \$1,000 scholarship for Liz to travel to Kenya was granted. She also noted that WEHOP will be taking an active management role in HANWASH and she will be involved.
7. Gary reported that at most we may only be short one bookhouse tender for this year. Herrick will still store books at the main branch but cannot accept any more because of space. The books stored at Herrick need to have stickers applied. He will work on a time for this and ask for volunteers.
8. Our volunteer activity for this month is working at the Food Club on the evening of the 26<sup>th</sup>. We only have 2 more meetings before this activity and need to get people signed up.
9. Bos Endowed Scholarship – The Bos family would like to have these funds invested in some manner. We could only offer to hold on to them in our charities fund or have the Community Foundation manage them with fairly high fees for the amount of investment. The family will continue to explore options.
10. A fundraising proposal was made to the board by Ed Swart and John Hoekstra. The proposal was for an online photo contest with the theme of "Celebrating Acts of Kindness". The club would contract

with a service that specializes in running these types of contests for non-profits. There were numerous questions about costs, promotion requirements, the level of effort required, and how to make sure there were no legal problems due to rights violations. The board voted to approve this fundraiser and authorize the team to proceed with setting up the contest. The team will keep the board apprised of the progress and will particularly let them review the rules developed and the financial decisions.

11. It was moved by Kathy that we officially terminate the current team fundraising effort that is currently scheduled through February and encourage the entire club to work on the Photo Contest idea. The motion passed.
12. Charlie asked about the Amazon Smile fundraising idea discussed last month. Kathy had not had time to work on it. Catherine volunteered to take care of signing the Holland Rotary Charities up to receive donations from Amazon.
13. The district is still in need of a Youth Exchange inbound officer. This person does not need to be a Rotarian.
14. David proposed that the board approve a stipend of \$250 each for the Rotarians traveling to Kenya. This was approved with Elizabeth, Kathy, and John abstaining.
15. Adjourn. **Action>** Catherine adjourned the meeting at 12:53 pm.

John Hoekstra, secretary