

# The Holland Noon Rotary Club Board Minutes

Date: November 13, 2023



## Attendance:

### Present

Catherine Ristola Bass (Chair), Kathy DeVries (President), vacant (President-Elect), John Hoekstra (Secretary), Chuck Warren (Treasurer), David Meier (Sergeant at Arms), Jim Hagel (2024), Janet Huyser (2025), Jim White (2025)

### Absent

Mark Recoulley (2026), Michael Moraw (2026)

### Guests

Howard Fink (Incoming President to be), Loren Meengs (2027 board nominee)

## Business

1. Call to Order. **Action>** Catherine called the meeting to order at 7:05pm
2. The October minutes were approved.
3. The financial reports were accepted. Chuck will provide YTD statements in the future.
4. Howard Fink has agreed to become the President Elect. Loren Meengs agreed to become a Board member. The club will vote to accept them at the annual meeting on Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. Positions still open: PEN, Club Administrator.
5. At the club assembly Catherine will report on Youth Services (Jim is in Florida).
6. David will confirm with Macatawa Legends that we would like to start meeting there starting with the meeting of January 4<sup>th</sup>.
7. The board will have a holiday party on December 11<sup>th</sup> instead of a meeting. Catherine offered her house as a location if the construction is done. Otherwise, we will find another location.
8. Jim Crozier was accepted as a new member by the board.
9. Dan O'Mealey, Allen Gradnigo, and Jason Gargala all have difficulty in making the Thursday meeting. Janet will make some calls and see if the After Hours club might work to allow them to stay active in Rotary.
10. Adjourn. **Action>** Catherine adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

John Hoekstra, secretary

# The Holland Noon Rotary Charities Board Minutes

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### Absent

Mark Recoulley (2026), Michael Moraw (2026)

### Guests

Howard Fink (Incoming President to be), Loren Meengs (2027 board nominee)

## Business

1. Call to Order. **Action**> Catherine called the meeting to order at 7:45pm
2. Last month's minutes were approved with the correction of the meeting date.
3. The financial reports were accepted. Chuck was asked to investigate investing reserve funds to gain interest without risking the principal.
4. The international service committee would like to fund the \$2000 Polio request for every club and our annual dues to WEHOP. The committee will be meeting next week to consider what projects will be considered starting next year.
5. The community service committee is a joint effort with the After Hours Club. Andy Bissonnette from our club has agreed to head this committee. The Community Action House collection for Thanksgiving food is this week. Bell ringing will be Dec 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.
6. Rotary District 6290 gave the Heartsafe Holland project a \$2110 grant, which brings the project to 70% funded. The restaurant fundraiser for Heartsafe is planned for February 2024.
7. Jim and David have proposed to Lake Michigan Credit Union that they become the lead sponsors of Leaders for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by donating \$10,000 per year. Our Rotary District has given us a grant of \$5908 for the Leaders program.
8. Walmart accepts community grant applications at the beginning of each year. Haworth is very interested in supporting DEI and leadership programs. Both companies will be contacted.
9. A repeat of the Pet Photo Contest is planned for March and April. John reported that the planning is complete, and volunteers are committed. Last year's contest brought in close to \$7,000. We will be volunteering for Tulip Time Grandstand Greeters in May, which brings in about \$800.
10. Jim reported that we now have a West Ottawa staff person as the Interact advisor. There is still interest in elementary and middle school Rotary programs at Holland Public Schools. Holland High School Interact is close to being able to be rechartered.

11. We have 2 outbound students who qualified to go on exchange next year. They will be at our club meeting this week to sign their contracts. This past weekend the Rotary Clubs of Muskegon had a workday for all the RYE inbound students. They worked on several different service projects.
12. The Bos family would like us to go ahead and use the money designated in our reserves to fund RYE activities as they work to establish a permanent scholarship fund through the community foundation.
13. Adjourn. **Action>** Catherine adjourned the meeting at 8:42pm.

John Hoekstra, secretary