

# The Rotary Club of Holland Board Minutes

Date: February 18, 2026



## Attendance:

### Present

Kathy DeVries (Chair), Ed Swart (President), Kate Fornarotto (Incoming President), vacant (President-Elect), John Hoekstra (Secretary), Chuck Warren (Treasurer), David Meier (Sergeant at Arms), Loren Meengs (2027), Bonnie McManus (2028), Bob Nida (2028)

### Absent

Mark Recoulley (2026), Michael Moraw (2026)

### Guests

none

## Business

1. Call to Order. **Action**> Kathy called the meeting to order at 11:04 am
2. The January minutes were approved.
3. The financial report was accepted.
4. It was decided to refer the list of unpaid dues to the membership committee so they can collect the money owed.
5. No change has been made in credit card processing yet. Chuck reported that Paya had issued a modest refund after his inquiry. Chuck, John, and Kathy will look into credit card processing and make a recommendation to the board about credit card processing for donations and dues.
6. About half of the 65 District raffle tickets for our club have been sold. The unsold tickets need to be sent back to the district at the end of the month.
7. The yard sign idea will be handled by Mark as the board liaison to the membership committee. Mark will present a proposal at the March meeting. If the cost will exceed whatever budget club service has, the proposal will need to include a monetary request.
8. The EPIC day of service is May 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be participating and Kate is planning a service project.
9. The club will have a float in the Tulip Time parade on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Kate and Ed will work on designing shirts for the parade participants.
10. Kate has asked John Gronberg and Jim Crozier if they are willing to serve on the board. This would bring us up to the minimum number of board members required.
11. Ed summarized the vision facilitation results as more service, less lunch.
12. A committee to review and update the bylaws has been formed. It consists of Bob Nida, Ed Swart, Kate Fornarotto, and John Gronberg.
13. David reported that we will be moving to Boatwerks restaurant permanently in April. We could tour Kids Food Basket on April 9, but it is spring break so there won't be any food to pack. In the summer the volunteer activities at KFB are working on their farm.

14. The eventual schedule will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks are lunch with a speaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> week will be some service project, 3<sup>rd</sup> week we will join the After Hours club in the afternoon for their social hour at the Downtown Marriot. It was suggested that a 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday would be a lunch and committee work/reports.
15. Ed had some preliminary discussions with the West Ottawa special education teachers. They would like to see us work with the kids on some activity rather than have a luncheon.
16. Adjourn. **Action**> Kathy adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm.

John Hoekstra, secretary

# The Holland Rotary Charities Board Minutes

Date: February 18, 2025



## Attendance:

### Present

Kathy DeVries (Chair), Ed Swart (President), Kate Fornarotto (Incoming President), vacant (President-Elect), John Hoekstra (Secretary), Chuck Warren (Treasurer), David Meier (Sergeant at Arms), Loren Meengs (2027), Bonnie McManus (2028)

### Absent

Mark Recoulley (2026), Michael Moraw (2026), Bob Nida (2028)

### Guests

none

## Business

1. Call to Order. **Action**> Kathy called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm
2. The January minutes were approved.
3. The financial statements were accepted.
4. Chuck will look into whether the bank requires any further resolutions to allow officers to sign officially. John will make sure the board approves any resolution needed.
5. Kathy passed out conflict of interest forms for the board to sign.
6. The cookoff fundraiser is doing well. All volunteer positions are filled and the tickets are nearly sold out.
7. Holland City has approached the club on the possibility of working together to add more benches downtown. The city has some grant money that could be used for this project.
8. Our outgoing student Kenza has been fundraising for her exchange. It was mentioned that the Central States Youth Exchange has a needs-based scholarship for exchange students.
9. The trip to Kenya is set for March 24 through April 3. There are 3 hospitals that could be combined into a global grant project. The southern hospital is near a Nairobi Rotary Club and is looking to expand their maternity operations. The hospital to the north west is near the Kisumu Rotary Club and our market WASH project. They want to add a mobile unit to service their area. The north east hospital is near the Eldoret Rotary Club and is looking for equipment to expand their birthing area. Kathy is thinking that we will work on the grant proposal and fund raising this Rotary Year and execute the project next Rotary Year.
10. The Ad-hoc committee on reorganizing the charities board will meet soon.
11. Kathy reported that according to the conflict of interest adopted she is ineligible to win prizes from fundraisers as the chair of the board. John Hoekstra, Linda Falstad, and Yadah Ramirez will meet to decide how to handle the prize distribution.
12. Adjourn. **Action**> Kathy adjourned the meeting at 12:56 pm.

John Hoekstra, secretary