

The Holland Noon Rotary Charities Board Minutes

Date: December 21, 2021



Attendance:

Present

Rebecca Lamper (Chair), Catherine Ristola Bass (President), Elizabeth Scott (President-Elect), David Meier (Sergeant at Arms), John Hoekstra (Secretary), Bev Loughlin (Treasurer), Larry Schuyler (Administrator), Jim Hagel (2024), Charlie Soria (2023)

Absent

Jason Gargala (2022), Janet Huyser (2022), Kris Reinhardt (2023), Charles Elwood (2023)

Business

1. Call to Order. **Action>** Rebecca called the meeting to order at 11:05 am
2. The treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted. It was noted that we paid the City of Holland for the Windmill Island benches so there is a reduction of cash on hand. Our collection for Community Action House brought in more than \$1300.
3. President Catherine reported that we received a thank-you postcard with a picture from the Doyles. We had sent them a present for the birth of their baby. Robert Ortman has an idea for a pier safety project but will present it later.
4. International Service had no report.
5. Community Service – bell ringing has been going well and all spots are filled, ornaments have been placed in all our Rotary Little Free Libraries, and a committee is working on sponsoring an Afghan refugee family. The refugee committee would consist of 8-9 Rotarians and representatives from a partner organization. Currently, the committee is talking to Central Park CRC and Grace Episcopal Church about partnering on refugee resettlement.
6. Youth Service – A contract with Hope College is being negotiated for hosting the Leaders for the 21st Century program. This will be the first conference in 2 years, and we do not have alumni leaders to help. Our outbound exchange students helped with bell ringing.
7. Fundraising – A possible chicken dinner fundraiser is being planned. Zeeland Rotary has done dinners for many years and has given us ideas. Another possible fundraiser is a pancake breakfast in cooperation with Bowerman's. There was a discussion about the location for these two events. Several possibilities were discussed. No decision was made but the consensus was that they should be in a high traffic area when another event was taking place. The ornaments fundraiser took in about \$1800, but Charlie was not sure if all the expenses have been paid.
8. Adjourn. **Action>** Rebecca adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

John Hoekstra, secretary

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Business

1. Call to Order. **Action>** Rebecca called the meeting to order at 11:45 am
2. The treasurer's report was presented and accepted. It was noted that all dues have been paid.
3. The Board agreed to send out New Year/Peace cards to the current membership and those members and connections that we wish to remind of their relationship with Rotary. Catherine will facilitate the lists and cards for board members to pick up at her house.
4. There was a lengthy discussion concerning how we would determine whether to meet in person because of the high COVID transmission rates. Many factors were considered in balancing the fellowship of meeting in person against the safety of our members, guests, and speakers. There was a desire to utilize Ottawa County Health Department (OCHD) measurements to decide on the meeting.
 - a. Elizabeth Scott suggested that we utilize the "Level of Community Transmission" scale. This uses new cases and percentages of positive tests to determine low, moderate, substantial, and high levels. The local rating is published on the OCHD website COVID hub page.
 - b. David Meier has contracted with Haworth Hotel to meet in person there. He spoke with their management on the telephone during the meeting. He learned the following.
 - i. The Hotel is not required to adhere to the same pandemic policies that the College requires.
 - ii. There is a room usage charge for which we have made a deposit for Jan-Mar. The hotel will allow us to change the months if we do not meet in person.
 - iii. We need to either let Haworth know a minimum number for lunch or an exact count each week in advance.
 - c. The Rotary dues for Jan-Jun should not include a meal charge if we may not have an in-person meeting for some of that time.
 - d. There should be an advance notice to speakers whether they will be presenting in-person or on Zoom.
5. It was moved and accepted that the following policy is adopted.
 - a. Rotary dues for Jan-Jun 2022 will be set at \$220 per member.

- b. At the monthly board meeting on the third Tuesday the OCHD website will be consulted. Meetings for the next month will be held online if the community transmission level is high and in-person if the community transmission level is substantial, moderate, or low.
 - c. Persons attending each weeks in-person meeting will have to register ahead of time for a meal count. They will have to pay by cash or check at the door for their meal.
- 6. In accordance with the adopted policy there will be no in-person meetings in January.
- 7. The membership committee presented a list of member resignations and transfers to other Rotary Clubs. The membership changes were accepted by the board.
- 8. There were no requests for action by the board from the vocational service, PR, or program committees.
- 9. Currently there is no line of succession beyond the President-Elect (Elizabeth Scott). The board would like to send the President-Elect Nominee to PETS in March 2022, so they experience the training twice before becoming President. Several names were floated, and board members will talk to the individuals with the intention of holding a special election for at least the President-Elect-Nominee.
- 10. Rebecca announced that this is her last meeting as chair of the board as she starts her new position as ADG for the Macatawa region on Jan 1.
- 11. Adjourn. **Action>** Rebecca adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm.

John Hoekstra, secretary