

# The Holland Noon Rotary Club Board Minutes

Date: May 15, 2023



## Attendance:

### Present

Elizabeth Giddings (President), Kathy DeVries (Incoming President), vacant (President-Elect), John Hoekstra (Secretary), David Meier (Sergeant at Arms), Janet Huyser (2025), Gary Bogle (2025), Jim White (2025)

### Absent

Catherine Ristola Bass (Chair), Bev Loughlin (Treasurer), Larry Schuyler (Administrator), Charlie Soria (2023), Jim Hagel (2024)

### Guests

none

## Business

1. Call to Order. **Action**> Elizabeth called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm
2. The minutes from the April meeting were approved.
3. The financial reports were accepted.
4. Elizabeth has signed the contract with Hope College for hosting the Leaders for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century conference. The cost is about \$150/student. This is what we had anticipated. Ed Swart is recruiting students.
5. The 2-minute updates for the next few meetings will be.
  - a. May 18<sup>th</sup>- Gary Bogle about the fundraiser
  - b. May 25<sup>th</sup> – David Meier will talk about what a Sergeant at Arms does.
  - c. June 1<sup>st</sup> – Jim White will talk about our involvement with students.
  - d. June 8<sup>th</sup> – Janet Huyser and Kathy DeVries will talk about membership.
6. John relayed a conversation with Ed Stielstra's wife Sandy. It was decided to move Ed to Honorary Membership status as of the first of this year and to make arrangements to present him with a Paul Harris award. John will convey this to Ed's family and see if there is a date that they might be able to attend a meeting for the presentation. Jim White will talk to Rebecca Lamper.
7. We received the invoice for \$1368.75 from West Ottawa for the luncheon. There were 70 adults and 55 students for a total of 125 people at \$10.95 each. David reported that he counted 20 Rotarians at the luncheon. There was a lengthy discussion, and it was decided that the entire bill would be paid from the meals account of the club.
8. Robert Ortman had raised a concern about opening meetings with a prayer that might be offensive to some members/visitors. Elizabeth said she has been careful to pick the opening words to avoid religion. Kathy said that she plans to just have a reading of some kind to open the meeting. Jim

White noted that in his travels as DG he observed a wide range of ways to open Rotary meetings. The board affirmed that religion should be avoided.

9. Concerns about the club not joining to help with individual members' international projects were discussed. It was decided that one of our 2-minute updates would be about how international grants and travel work.
10. The vacancies in committees/officers were discussed (president-elect, board positions, community service, treasurer, vocations, administrator, membership, foundation). Jim Hagel might be interested in heading up community service. Jim White will be taking over the youth committee. Kathy DeVries and Patrick Avery are our representatives at WEHOP. Kathy would like to have a replacement. Community service, Youth, and international service all have members of the After-Hours Rotary Club. This allows us to have a committee chair from the other club. Loren Meengs was mentioned as someone to approach about a leadership position.
11. Gary Bogle's request to become an honorary member was approved with Gary abstaining.
12. Adjourn. **Action**> Elizabeth adjourned the meeting at 8:39 pm.

John Hoekstra, secretary

# The Holland Noon Rotary Charities Board Minutes

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### Present

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### Absent

Catherine Ristola Bass (Chair), Bev Loughlin (Treasurer), Larry Schuyler (Administrator), Charlie Soria (2023), Jim Hagel (2024)

### Guests

none

## Business

1. Call to Order. **Action**> Elizabeth called the meeting to order at 8:39 pm
2. The minutes from the April meeting were approved.
3. The financial reports were accepted.
4. Gary reported on the status of the photo contest fundraiser. With 9 hours to go it has netted \$6162.18. Our expenses were a percentage to the website host, credit card processing fees, printing the posters and cards, and money for the prizes. Some of the expenses were covered by donations.
5. The International Service Committee requested that the board approve \$2500 toward a food delivery wagon for the Pine Ridge Reservation. There is money in the budget to cover this expenditure. This money will be matched up to \$1500 by the Re-member organization. The request was approved.
6. Robert Ortman wrote a personal check to West Ottawa as a donation for challenged student supplies. He has requested reimbursement for \$950 of that amount. It is possible that another Rotarian will contribute a designated donation for this purpose. If that happens, the funds will be used toward reimbursing Robert. The total budgeted amount for challenged students is \$850 so there is no budgeted money to cover the entire amount of the reimbursement. It was decided to cover the shortfall from other community service funds if there are no further donations.
7. Gary reported that the bookhouses will be receiving new labels this summer.
8. The purpose of the Challenged Student lunch was discussed. The board is not clear whether the donation of supplies or the in-person encouragement of staff and students is the most important portion. Because of the expense of the luncheon, this will need to be a budget decision for next year. This activity has been moved into the Youth committee that Jim chairs. Jim will research the goals and recommend a budget amount at our meeting next week.
9. Adjourn. **Action**> Elizabeth adjourned the meeting at 9:26 pm.

John Hoekstra, secretary