

**Rotary Club of Oregon City
Board of Directors Meeting
November 18, 2024**

Attendance: President Gil Crowell, Marcia Wimmer, Marilyn Morrissey, Vicki Yates, Mimi Cogswell, Karen Martini, Trieste Andrews, Greg Geist, Cindy Crowell, Greg Williams

Meeting commenced at 5:04 pm.

Secretary's Report: (Vicki). Cindy took the minutes last month in Vicki's absence. We will review those minutes next month. Vicki sent memorial information to the district office for Barry Rotrock and Bill Shreve so they will be included in the In Memoriam display at the District Conference this spring.

Treasurer's Report: (Brian). No report till next month.

President's Report: (Gil). Gil attended various committee meetings. During our three-year strategic planning, we set club goals for each committee that we need to follow up on.

Old Business: Due to Mark Meek's resignation, we have no president elect. Gil has taken charge of the nominating committee and is looking for a new president elect and his/her successor.

Committee Reports/updates:

Club Service: (Dave). Dave is doing the best he can to keep our lunches reasonably priced. The new venue is working out well. We are breaking even on the lunches.

Program/Speaker Chair: (Karen/Greg). Programs are booked well into January. February is being held for Vocational Service speakers, and a few speakers are already confirmed for March. An email will be going out soon to the club asking members to volunteer to present on short notice in case of cancellations. Ideas for speakers are always welcome. Greg G. volunteered to speak on clean water. Mimi volunteered to speak on youth exchange. Upcoming speakers are:

Nov. 20. Dr. Scott Burns, Professor Emeritus, Portland State University, Geologist.
Nov. 27. NO MEETING (Day before Thanksgiving)
Dec. 4. Rotary Foundation report, Bret Pippett, and club update, Gil Crowell.
Dec. 11. Brad Henry, CEO, Providence Willamette Falls Medical Center
Dec. 18. Oregon City High School Choir holiday performance (NOTE: Lunch and check-in will need to be set up in the hall)
Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. NO MEETING (Christmas and New Year's Day)

Membership Chair: (Marcia). Membership Goal: 55 Current: 55 in DACdb, which includes Walt Fitch (who, as an honorary member, doesn't count in RI database).

New members billed but not yet paid, so don't count in tally: Dan Green, Jennifer Green, Heidi Blackwell (under CCC's corporate membership, water committee). New member orientation next week.

Resigning members: Amanda Watters (due to heavy work schedule) and Mark Meek (for personal reasons) Marcia will request confidential exit interview. Their departures leaves us with 53 members.

New Members since 7-01-24: Triem Rukshana, Jenna Morrison, Amanda Watters, Dan Green, Jennifer Green.

New Member Sponsorship Goal: 5, Actual: 5: Leah Sundquist for Triem Rukshana; Brian Nava for Jenna Morrison; Gil Crowell for Amanda Watters; Marcia Wimmer for Dan Green; Dan Green for Jennifer Green.

New Member Orientation/Fireside Chat is scheduled for 11-19-24. Anticipating 24 members and guests including 6 presenters

Mentorship: Leah will be assigning mentors to new members

Greeter: Need to be sure unassigned guests are warmly welcomed and "handed off" to a member for introduction

Deceased Rotarians: Notifying current and past members. Marcia/Mimi moved to make \$250 contributions each in memory of Barry Rotrock (to the Alzheimer's Association) and Bill Shreve (to the American Cancer Society). Motion passed unanimously

Community Service Chair: (Leah). JUL- NOV- we have done a community service "event" each month. NOV: We completed the Father's Heart sandwich making with 10 volunteers and 14 hours completed. We have the Red Cross Blood Drive on 15 NOV- still need 4 volunteers (if not Leah will man the last 2.5 hours, and last is 25 NOV- Thanksgiving boxes for Clackamas Women's shelter- 10 Women/family- we have 5 volunteers to help. Total of 3 projects for NOV (Areas of Focus: Health, Saving Women and Children, and Supporting local economies). DEC: We have 3 Saturdays to assist the Elks lodge volunteers. 7DEC: Sorting food into food categories and putting it on shelves. 14DEC: "shopping" with boxes for families

(making a good basket), 21 DEC: Delivering the baskets to families. Looking to future: JAN: Literacy books into schools. 1st gr- Water committee doing a water book. 2nd and 5th gr: Classroom book on Environment (Areas of Focus- Education/Literacy and Environment). APR: Friends of Trees- planting trees for Arbor day (Area of Focus: Environment). February, March, May and June are open. Derby Day event could be considered our project for May.

We talked about peace poles. There are unanswered questions that need to be addressed by the Foundation, including funding and educational benefits, Leah reported that she is working to have one custom-made for next to the OC Elevator and is waiting for a cost estimate. Also, I will be meeting with the principals at a district meeting (16DEC) to present the idea of "Planting a Peace Pole" at every school in Oregon City. It is unclear whether the Foundation has approved these things.

Fundraising Chair: (Cindy). Derby Day 2025: A steering committee of six, after much consideration, opted for Providence Willamette Falls Community Center as the spot to hold the 2025 event. A budget is penciled out that shows potential of \$20,000 net to our Foundation, an increase over the last two years. That depends on our ability to bring in more guests and increase sponsorships. We will be calling upon the club to be fully engaged in this annual fundraiser. We will also be looking for folks to take on oversight for specific elements of the event. B& B Leasing is our naming sponsor for Derby Day at \$2,500. A Save the Date piece has been created, as well as new sponsorship materials. For more information, talk to Karen.

Public Image Chair: (Trieste). Trieste met with Akiko and DACdb tech support about getting a page on our website for the water environment committee. Trieste will follow up with Akiko. Again, for social media submissions, please provide a sentence or two about the event or meeting and a jpg to attach and keep the share drive updated. Otherwise, it takes too much time to do the posts. Trieste will ask Akiko if she can fill in doing social media when Trieste is traveling. Since we moved, we need to make sure different websites have our current meeting locations. Trieste will forward the storage unit receipts to Brian.

Youth Exchange Chair: (Mimi). Our candidates for 2025 outbound Skyler and Guadalupe have almost finished their applications which are due by the end of this month. Their first training will be in January, along with our inbounds. Our inbounds Clark and Fanda will be moving to the Dillon's home on 12/29/24 until spring break. Amelia, our counselor, continues to be working with the boys monthly. Larry Mosely is our additional counselor to meet the new requirements for a same gender

counselor. Mimi will be out of country from January to April but will try to attend Zoom meetings February through April and be available via text and email. Amelia, Jenna Morrison and Rukshana have agreed to help out with the students in Mimi's absence. Mimi asked that our club members consider inviting the students to their homes or taking them on outings. On December 11th, a former OC Rotary exchange student from Brazil from 1985, who is a Rotarian, will be visiting our club, celebrating his 40th anniversary. We would like our current exchange students to attend that meeting.

Water Committee Chair: (Greg G.). In December we will have a presentation on "forever chemicals" (PFAS) that people may be hearing about in the media - what they are, why it's important and how we are addressing the issue. We are also discussing ways that the committee can offer and coordinate public service events with the main body of OC Rotary, get water committee members more ingrained in Rotary, and ways for OC Rotarians to be informed about water committee topics and events.

Oregon City Rotary Foundation Chair: (Bret). Bret would like to step down as chair of the foundation but will stay on the committee. We need to find a new chair who is on the foundation board. We have a request from the Pioneer Pantry that is not a matching grant but a request from our club directly. The foundation board voted by email to support the grant. It is a request that is time sensitive for the holidays and would need to be filled by 12/11. The foundation still awaits the cost for the literacy project and Love One community service funding.

World Community Service - International Chair: (Marilyn). Marilyn is assisting Mimi who is going to Columbia in January and may be investigating a water project in a village.

Next Meeting- December 9, 2024, 5:00 pm-Zoom

Adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Vicki Yates, Club Secretary