**MINUTES** of the Board Meeting, -- December 14, 2023

**Attendance: P= Present, A= Absent**

**Members of the Board**

Rich Marovich, President- P

Janice Koch, President Elect -P

Charley Wallace, Treasurer-P

Woody Fridae, Secretary-P

Chris Kelsch, Foundation Chair-P

Joe Trotter, Membership Chair-A

Bob Schultz, Program Chair-A

Kelli Villanueva, Service Chair-P

Chris Jones, Social Events Chair-A

Melanie Dye, Youth Services Chair-A

Nav Bhachech, Webmaster-P

Also attending, Cecil Padilla

**MINUTES**

**Shorthand (M= moved by, 2= Seconded by, UA= Unanimous approval)**

**1. Approval of Agenda M Chris Jones, 2 Kelli** to approve with following corrections, 1) add discussion of President of 25-26 year, and 2) correct spelling, Kelly to Kelli. **UA**

**2. Approval of Minutes** of our November meeting. M Nav, **UA**

**3. Financial Report:** Club expenses last year exceeded revenues by $3,134. Our year-end closing balance was $6,903. We polled the members and most were in favor of a dues increase to close the gap. The deficit was due to poor attendance last year and raising the cost of lunch might discourage attendance. We break even on lunches with 19 members attending. Membership and attendance is up this year. A $50 increase in annual dues from $200 to $250 may be sufficient to close the deficit and if not a further increase could be scheduled next year.

Charley Wallace said that we would be collecting various outstanding dues, and in light of the fundraiser at the Christmas party, thought we could wait to do an increase in dues.

Board discussed various ways to increase participation and lower the amount impact our club covers in lunch costs. It was generally agreed that more membership will fix the attendance problem at meetings.

**M Woody, 2 Rich,** to clarify that members may invite true prospective members up to two times before they would need to pay themselves, and that the member should introduce the guest as “a guest of the club” to the Treasurer at the beginning of the meeting. **UA**

**M Charley, 2 Woody**, that the club will collect all debts possible, clarify how much money in the bank is from which members, and receive the audit from David D., and analyze the financial condition at the end of this Rotary year, (June 30, 2024, and then decide whether or not we needed to raise dues. Also, Rich will conduct discussion at our next business meeting of the club and this decision of the Board. **UA**

**4**. **Monthly reports**:

* Treasurer covered above.
* Membership-Woody discussed Area and District-wide membership trends. Generally, trends in our club and in the district, although challenging, are going up.
* Webmaster -Nav reported that updates will be made soon. He is still unable to take down the old FB page but will reach out to Jack to get help. You should be able to see our new website at wintersrotary.org.
* Youth Services -no report
* Programs -Rich announced that we have an opportunity to plant 50 oaks in the Putah Creek riparian area. This will take place in early January. Club members will be notified. It is somewhat dependent on the weather.
* Community Service – Rich said that they are going well and set up through January.
* Social Events- Next social event will be Charter Night to be held at Kelli’s.

**5.** **Other business**

The Board discussed the President Nominee. Kelli said that she could be the President Nominee as long as the club understood that she may have a few days that she could not make it, and that other past presidents could fill in for her if needed. The board affirmed that there would be backup.