**Pittsburg Rotary Club**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**March 19, 2019**

Members present: Bob Burk, John Clark, Pam Henderson, Becky May, Angela Meyer, Cristy Mitchell, Johnna Norton, Julie Reams, Laura Samford, Marcia Sorrick

Members absent: Zach Adams, Brett Dunbar, Kathleen Flannery, Joe Leek, Jeff Wilbert

Guests present: Marsha Wallace

* Bob Burk called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. There were no additions/corrections to the February 12th minutes. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

**Secretary’s Report** – Pam Henderson

* Total membership at current is 94: 79 active, 11 R85, 3 honorary, 1 leave of absence. Year-to-date: six members terminated and ten new members.
* Attendance average July 1, 2018 to current is 75.8% with make-ups factored into the number. February tentative was 74.3%.
* 10 members are currently below the 50% attendance requirement. An email notification will be sent to those necessary at the first of April alerting them of their probation. In April, we need to determine membership status of our two lowest attendance members.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Jeff Wilbert

* No report; absent.

**President’s Report** – Bob Burk

* Rotary International convention will be in Hamburg, Germany. If anyone is going, let Bob know so you can cast our club vote. If not, we will take the steps necessary to have another club proxy our vote. He will also make the announcement at the club meeting today.

**Committee Chair Reports**

**Club Administration –** Cristy Mitchell

* Club anniversary will be April 16 at the Lord’s Diner. Joe Dellasega will coordinate the big check presentation, speak about the Diner and help induct Dick Coleman as an honorary member. Bob noted we need to notify the media and see if Zach or John Rank can put together a photo display of the benches so we can unveil them. Pam will order Dick’s badge and bring a new member packet that day.

**Membership –** Johnna Norton

* Membership recruitment is going well. Existing and new member retention rates are very high.
* New Member Orientation is planned for March 26 from 6-8 p.m. at Leffler Cabin. All 9 new members were invited.
* Sent an email to membership about Rotary Direct and adding their birthdays through My Rotary.
* In replacement of a membership contest, we will try to better educate the club on open classifications and encourage them to bring guests year-round. Johnna plans to add tally marks in the Scuttle to show how many members each person has recruited from April through June. The wine tasting event was an idea from the membership committee; postponed until next year.

**Service –** Joe Leek.

* Absent; no report. He is still working on the Kansas Mission of Mercy event at the end of April.

**Foundation –** Julie Reams

* Jeff Elliott received his second Paul Harris Fellow. She is working with him to transfer points to his wife Ann in the Sunrise Club.
* Continue to encourage members to utilize automatic bank drafts and online giving.

**Public Relations** – Zach Adams

* Absent; no report.

**Rotaract** – Zach Adams

* Absent; no report

**Youth Services –** Becky May

* Scholarship applications are coming in. Committee will meet to review them before next meeting.
* Meagan Loudermilk will present at today’s meeting about RYLA.
* The Pittsburg High School debate coach will bring some students on April 2nd and be the program. We hope to encourage students to participate in next year’s Four-Way Speech Contest.

**Old Business**

* Centennial Benches – Zach provided an email report to the board after the meeting. The two benches were ordered. One reads “PITTSBURG ROTARY CLUB" and the other "SERVICE ABOVE SELF".  They are currently in production and should ship in 4-6 weeks. Total cost was $3,145.74. He will prepare a media release once the benches are ready to be installed; this should help with the citation requirements as well in a couple of the PR categories.
* Rotary signage at city entrances – There are four sign locations including the one at Leffler Park. Our meeting sign will read Pittsburg Noon Tuesday and location one as Ascension Via Christi. Sunrise was willing to pay half the cost of the wheel signs and member Michael Simpson volunteered to make the smaller signs at no cost to either club. Discussion ensued. A motion was made for our club to purchase all three Rotary wheel signs. Motion was seconded and passed. The board also agreed to allow the Sunrise Club’s sign to be added to Leffler Park as well. Pam will order the Rotary wheels.
* WOW Award – Bob submitted two possible nominations for the award: Jon Bartlow and John Rank. Welcomes other nominations. He plans to check with local vendors and have a banner made with past award recipients’ (Rotarians of the Year) names placed on it.

**New Business**

* A local donation request was presented. In April, Communities in Schools and the Gorilla Achievement program are partnering to do an etiquette luncheon for 50 high school students. They are needing sponsors to cover costs so each student gets a gift card for new dress shoes. A motion was made to donate $250 to Enactus for the shoe gift cards. Becky and Pam abstained due to potential conflict of interest. Motion was seconded and passed.

**Good of the Order**

Information on district assembly should be coming out soon. PETS is March 29 and Cristy plans to attend.

Next board meeting is April 9, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Via Christi Hospital Centennial Conference, 5th floor.

Meeting adjourned 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Henderson, Secretary