

VICKSBURG ROTARY CLUB BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, Dec 20, 2022 11:45 to 1:15 pm
Schoolcraft Township Hall 50 VW Ave East, Vicksburg, MI

Members: Syd Bastos (Pres), Mike Wunderlin (Pres Elect), David Aubry (Pres Nominee), Don Ulsh (Past President), Mike Tichvon (Secretary), Danna Downing (Treasurer), Eric Hansen (Board Member)

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda – Any additions?**
3. **Consent Agenda *Approval Needed***
 - a. Minutes – attached. These minutes were recorded by Syd and are missing some details and will need correction.
 - b. Treasurer’s report – attached.
 - c. Citation Goals progress – attached.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. Updates:
 - i. Danna - Finance Module
 - ii. Syd - Club Goals
 - iii. Syd - Repurpose old Showboat trailer
 - iv. David – Scrap program
 - v. Syd - Christmas Card Lane
 - vi. Fundraising idea – Magicelebration event with Rick Fisher at FAB Magic
5. **New Business**
 - a. Syd - new website costs and concerns
 - b. All - Club administrator (idea from Lee Philport)
 - c. All - Funding priorities discussion at Jan 20 club meeting
 - d. All - Fund PETS training for Pres Nominee (Pres Elec PETS training is “Free”). Approval
 - e. All - Donation for VHS Choir program? Approval? How much?
 - f. Syd - Satellite Club update
 - g. Syd - Strive update
6. **Member Comments (10 min)**
7. **Adjournment**

Parking Lot – Items that are not current priority – add to agenda as needed and/or as time permits:

- Improve the continuity plan between Presidents (current, elect and nominee). Get on the training cycle offered by District and RI! – *Admin Committee assignment?*
- Evaluate the health of the club – *Member Committee assignment?*
- Create operational procedures & policies, review governance documents – *Admin Committee and Finance Committee assignments?*
- Authority to act – when can a club member act on his/her own vs the board vs president? *Board or Admin Committee assignment?*
- 501c3 – pending future action
- Diversity, equity and inclusion
- DACdb training

Rotary Club of Vicksburg
Meeting Minutes from Nov 14, 2022
DRAFT

Called to order at 11:51 am

Attending: Eric, David, Don, Danna and Syd

Motion to approve Agenda – Requested addition of beef raffle for discussion and funding approval to assist with Hist Village Clean up. Don, 2nd by Eric, approved by all.

Motion to approve Consent agenda. Discussion: First time with new finance module reports. Don explained that “Receivables” should not be a line item on the Balance Statement and “Net Income” as well. Danna will ask Wayne at DACdb why there and if they can be suppressed. Also, group requested that Danna include all months in the income statement if possible, not just the current month. Motion to approve consent agenda without corrections by David, 2nd by Don, approved by all.

Old business

Danna – Finance Module Update – testing is going well, planning to send out electronic invoices for second half billing in Dec. Danna asked Syd to add time at Dec 5 club meeting for her to inform club members.

Syd – Club goals: will try to get from committee reports at December 16 club meeting.

Syd – Repurpose old Showboat Trailer: no update. Larry will allow storage at his home indefinitely.

David – Community Recycle Project – *sorry, lost track of this update during the meeting*

Syd - Christmas Card Lane: final version nearly complete, due to printer by Nov 20.

Rotary Calendar – *I have no notes on this agenda item*

Training on DACdb for club – Syd suggested we suspend any efforts here. Mike Tichvon can support when ready. Move to Parking Lot.

KCF meeting summary – *I know the KCF meeting was really helpful, but I have no notes on what we discussed at the Board meeting.*

Funding priorities - *I have no notes on this agenda item*

Citation goal progress – Syd will send update of citation goals to Board

DEI – status? Syd Suggested that we move this topic to Parking Lot for now. All agreed.

New Business

Imagination Workshop held at Air Zoo Nov 5 – Danna and Syd shared the value of the workshop. Syd will send the workshop presentation materials to the Board.

Charitable Giving – SCCS Giving Tree - Danna suggested that we participate in the SCCS tree again this year. *Board agreed to fund, but I don't have notes on exactly what we said yes to and how the motions came through.*

Fundraising Idea – MagiCelebration with Rick Fisher at FAB Magic. Syd reported on a preliminary meeting with Bill Adams, Rick and other interested Rotarians. Many ideas were shared, but generally, plan is to support an international magic show to be held locally and organized by Rick and his team.

Rotary would assist with volunteers to help promote and support activities, similar to how we did Showboat. Bill understands that he cannot proceed officially without approval from the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 1:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Syd Bastos

Vicksburg - 2039
Balance Statement
As Of December 13, 2022

ASSET ACCOUNTS

Current Assets

Checking-KCSB GENERAL	18,622
Checking-KCSB Community Giving	9,642
Checking-KCSB STRIVE	19,850
KCF Endowment Fund Spendable	11,767
Receivables	2,414

Total Current Assets

62,295

Total ASSET ACCOUNTS

62,295

LIABILITY ACCOUNTS

Long-Term Liabilities

Total Long-Term Liabilities

0

Total LIABILITY ACCOUNTS

0

EQUITY ACCOUNTS

Club Retained Earnings	64,973
NET INCOME	- 2,201

Total EQUITY ACCOUNTS

62,771

Total LIABILITIES & EQUITY

62,771

Income Statement

Vicksburg - 2039
Income Statement
July 01, 2022 through November 30, 2022

	Nov 2022	YTD
ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE		
INCOME ACCOUNTS		
Club Initiation Fees	0	25
Club Member Dues	0	0
Club Member FINES	87	335
Club Member Social Payments	0	405
RI Foundation Contributions	0	0
Annual Fund (50/50)	100	467
Disaster Relief	0	0
Polio Income	41	443
KCF Club Contributions	10	230
Club Project Income		
STRIVE PROJECT	193	193
SAFE @ HOME	0	0
Community Service Projects	0	0
Total Club Project Income	193	193
Club Fundraiser Income		
Old Car Festival 50/50	0	0
Scrap Metal Recycling	0	5,399
Total Club Fundraiser Income	0	5,399
Grants	0	0
Interest Income	1	4
Miscellaneous Income	1	635
Total INCOME ACCOUNTS	434	8,137
EXPENSE ACCOUNTS		
Dues paid to DISTRICT	0	970
District Foundation Contributions	0	475
Dues paid to RI	0	1,663
RI Foundation Polio Plus Expense	0	138
RI Foundation Annual Fund Expense	0	270
KCF Quarterly Distributions	0	4,433
Community Giving	200	250
Gift and Award Expenses	0	425
Club Member Social Expenses	0	223
Training Expense	0	0
Travel Expense	0	0
Office Expense	350	595
Committee Expenses		

PR Expense	25	485
Membership Expense	122	282
Total Committee Expenses	147	767
Club Fundraiser Expenses		
Scrap Metal Recycling	199	705
Old Car Fest 50/50	0	0
Total Club Fundraiser Expenses	199	705
Club Project Expenses		
STRIVE		
Awards	180	180
Celebrations	350	350
Tuition/Scholarships	0	2,300
Refreshments	20	132
Total STRIVE	550	2,962
SAFE AT HOME	0	0
Community Service Activities	0	364
Total Club Project Expenses	550	3,326
Credit Card Fees	0	0
Bad Debt/Write-offs	0	0
Bank Fees	0	0
Miscellaneous Expense	0	129
Total EXPENSE ACCOUNTS	1,446	14,368
NET INCOME	(1,012)	(6,231)

Rotarians,
Thank you for your donation
to Loaves + Fishes to honor Don.
Don truly believed in the values of
Rotary. He loved Showboat!!!
Sang for 30 years — our lives
revolved ^{around} it in February.

Our thanks to Jim Shaw for his
kind words for Don, Todd, and my
dad, Henry.

Rotarians are a giving and
sharing group.

Mary Ellen, Todd, Lori,
Overbrook



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Generous Hands, INC.

November 2022

Dear Friends at Vicksburg Rotary,

The mission of Generous Hands- **"to benefit hungry children..."** -means supporting their families as well. Over the past two years we have developed close ties with parents and guardians, of students from Vicksburg, Schoolcraft, and Climax-Scotts schools, who are struggling to make ends meet. Molly Beardsley, Vicksburg Community Schools social worker, provided this testimonial:

"I cannot even begin to tell you how much the support of Generous Hands has meant to our families. Just the other day I had a student tell me how excited they were to have had the opportunity to pick up backpacks for her and her siblings at the Backpack Bonanza! I have had families in tears because they were so appreciative of the food and vouchers that have been supplied by Generous Hands. I have had teachers who have been so incredibly grateful for the snacks that Generous Hands has provided for their students who are so often hungry throughout the school day. The willingness to serve our community and our families in need is so very much appreciated and the village of Vicksburg is beyond lucky to have such incredible access to the abundance of services provided by Generous Hands. THANK YOU, THANK YOU THANK YOU!"

Generous Hands has been blessed by the generosity of the extended Vicksburg community with donations of food, money and time. We could not continue to fulfill our mission- **"to benefit hungry children by strengthening their physical, emotional, nutritional and educational well-being"**- without YOU! THANK YOU!

With gratitude from Generous Hands' Executive Director, Board Members, Consultants and Volunteers,

Sheri Lewis

Ann Lippitt

Danna Downing

Nancy Herson

Kay Anderson

Brittany Hogen

Carle Deal

Jarvis Cree

Thank you for your kind support!

Jan Modderman-Hui

Maura Doria

Sandra Mollen

Terry Smith Epstein

Paula Surr

[Signature]

Generous hands are blessed hands, because they give bread to those in need.

Proverbs 22:9

Did You Know?

- Children facing hunger are more likely to repeat a grade in elementary school, experience developmental impairments in areas like language and motor skills, and have more social and behavioral problems.
- Hunger and food insecurity can affect children in many ways—headaches, stomach pain, anemia, frequent colds and ear infections. Hunger impacts thinking and learning.
- In 2020, households with children reported a higher rate of food insecurity than those without children (15% vs. 10%) (USDA). These numbers are expected to be even higher once pandemic-era data are collected.
- 1 in 5 U.S. residents sought help from a charitable food provider at some point during the pandemic.
- People living in rural communities face hunger at higher rates than people who live in urban areas. Child hunger is more common in rural communities. (Feeding America, 2022)
- In the Vicksburg Community School District, the percentage of children receiving free or reduced lunch has doubled since 2004 (when Generous Hands began). In March of 2019, 922 students were enrolled in the free or reduced lunch program, or 35 percent of all students in the district.
- Helping families avoid food insecurity and hunger could decrease long-term health problems, a relatively inexpensive way to avoid chronic health conditions that are linked with a lack of good food. Food insecure households spend about 45% more on medical care a year than people in food-secure homes (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities).
- 84 percent of households served by Food Banks report buying the cheapest food—instead of healthy food in order to provide enough to eat (Feeding America, 2018).

How Can You Help?

Generous Hands can be designated as the recipient of contributions through United Way. Gifts to Generous Hands are tax deductible under Section 501c(3) of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code. Donors are requested to notify Generous Hands immediately if they fail to receive a receipt, as all gifts are acknowledged.

“Every day, children in every county in the United States wake up hungry. They go to school hungry. They go to bed hungry. One in five children lives in a food insecure household.”



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Our mission is to benefit hungry children by strengthening their physical, emotional, nutritional, and educational well-being.



Generous Hands is funded solely through grants and donations.

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BEGINS WITH COMMUNITY

How Does the Power Pack Program Work?

Children are confidentially recommended for a Power Pack by the staff at their school. Parents must sign a permission slip for participation in the program. Parents may also contact Generous Hands to sign their children up for the program.

Power Packs are available at our warehouse each week during posted day and evening distribution hours. Parents may contact GH to arrange for alternate pickup arrangements.

What is a Power Pack?

Power Packs are filled with a variety of kid-friendly nutritious foods and given to children at risk of food insecurity or hunger during the weekends.

Typical Contents of a Power Pack

- ENTREES: Peanut butter, tuna, Easy Mac, canned spaghetti, soup, Ramen noodles
- BREAKFAST FOODS: Cereal, oatmeal, fruit bars
- FRUIT: Fruit cups or applesauce
- SNACKS: Granola bars, trail mix, microwave popcorn, pretzels, animal crackers

Where Does the Food Come From?

Food for the Power Packs is purchased from Loaves and Fishes, Sam's Club and the South Michigan Food Bank. Food is also donated by local citizens and businesses.

Families in the program are offered a weekly voucher redeemable at the Vicksburg Family Fare grocery store. They may purchase bread, eggs, milk, fruit and vegetables, meat and cheese within a specified spending limit.

Generous Hands also provides coupons during the summer months for the Vicksburg Farmer's Market, where families may purchase fruit, vegetables, meat and cheese. These coupons are reimbursed to the vendors of the Farmer's Market.

Volunteers Support

Since Generous Hands is volunteer driven, volunteers are the key to our success! We appreciate all they do.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Visit our website generoushands.org for a list of current needs. Generally these include:
- Weekly packing of Power Packs
- Volunteering at our facility for restocking/recycling
- Assisting in fundraising campaigns
- Soliciting donations of food, school supplies, hygiene items

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**Rotary Club of Vicksburg
2022-23 Citation Award Tracking
As of 12/19/22
Compiled by Syd Bastos**

Summary out of 13 goals required:
5 Goals Met
2 Goals on Track
3 Goals could be met with some TLC
2 Goals in Jeopardy
1 Goal Missed

Club Membership

Goal – 33 (*net*)

Beginning of 2022 - 30

Current – 31

Goal not met – need 2 more. Six months left. In jeopardy

Notes:

- New: Kathy Forsythe
- Transfers: Melissa Skendziel (Chelsea), Mark Harsha (Kalamazoo)
- Lost: Mark Mitchell, Andrew Horne

Service Participation

How many members will participate in club service activities during the year?

Goal 10

Current – 19

Goal Met

Reset goal?

New member sponsorship

How many members will sponsor a new club member?

Goal – 1

Current – 1

Goal met

Reset goal?

Leadership Development Participation

How many members will participate in leadership development programs or activities?

Goal – 3

Current – 3

Notes: Danna, Mike W and Syd attended Imagination Workshop October, 2022.

Goal met

Note: Does PETS training count here?

District Conference Attendance

How many members will attend your District Conference?

Goal – 2

Current – 1 (Conference is in May at Firekeepers)

Goal could be met. Need one other.

Notes: Syd will attend. Would like one other to attend. Conference is May 5 -7 at Firekeeper's Casino in Battle Creek.

Annual Fund Contributions

How much money will be contributed to Rotary Foundation Annual Fund by your club and its members?

Goal - \$1,000

Current \$970 (as of Dec 14, 2022)

Goal on track

PolioPlus Fund Contributions

How much money will be contributed to the Rotary Foundation PolioPlus Fund by club and members?

Goal - \$1,000

Current \$238 (as of Dec 14, 2022)

Goal in jeopardy.

Notes: How do we verify money sent in by individual club members? Renewing Polio Plus members?

Service Projects

How many service projects will your club complete?

Goal – 10

Current – 8

Goal on track

Notes: Includes Cemetery headstone & clean up, Community Recycling, Safe at Home (wheelchair ramp), Adopt-a-Highway, Harvest Fest grounds prep, Harvest Fest Kids activity, Strive, Salvation Army bell ringing. Expected additional this year includes Honors banquet reception, a service projects for either senior citizens or vets (or maybe both)

RYLA Participation

How many individuals will your club sponsor to participate in RYLA events?

Goal – 2

Current – 0

Goal could be met, but need to work with Keevin O to make sure he gets the info.

Note: Camp is in July. Keevin says that they could come up with more than 2 students to attend this camp. Need to work with him in January to start recruiting candidates. Also, need to be prepared to fund more than 2 if demand is there.

Social Activities

How many social activities will your club hold outside of regular meetings?

Goal – 4

Current – 4

Goal met

Notes: Events included gathering at Lee Philport's and Larry Forsyth's homes, Distant Whistle beer tasting event and Christmas Party

Update Website and Social Media

How many times month will your club's website or social media accounts be updated?

Goal – 4 per month

Current – 14 as of 12/14/22 plus updated website. By month Facebook posts:

July – 0

Aug -1

Sep – 1 + website update

Oct – 6

Nov – 6

Dec -1

Goal not met, but second half will set goal at 4 per month and meet it.

Note: Is it acceptable to take an average of 4 updates per month over the year this year as this is a new goal for the club?

Media Stories About Club Projects

How many media stories will cover your club's projects during the year?

Goal – 2

Current – 0

Goal could be met, but need to work with Kathy Forsythe on topics and timing.

Notes: Article on Mercer Munn, Hero and Golden Trowel in December 2022 issue but these were not really club projects. Coverage in future article could cover update to Safe at Home, Community Recycling or Strive.

Use of Official Rotary Promotional Materials

Did your club use Rotary International's advertising and public service materials available in Brand Central to promote Rotary in your community?

Goal – YES

Current – YES

Goal met

Notes: Banners (horizontal and vertical) were created and utilized materials from Brand Central. Banners have been used at Cemetery clean up, Tailgate, and Harvest Fest. More room to use these materials for Facebook posts, website.