



## Rotary Club of McLean Board Meeting Agenda – July 9th, 2024

Redeemer Library  
11:00 am

**Attendees:** Cecilia Closs, Michael Arietti, Carol King, Joann Berkson, Michael Falcone, Karen Hendrixson, Vance Zavela (virtual/in person), Richard Golden, Nicki Birch

### **CALL TO ORDER: 11:04 AM**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 11th MEETING:** Carol King moved we approved; Vance Zavela seconded. The entire board was in favor; no one opposed; motion passed.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT: 11:04 AM; Michael Arietti**

**Michael Arietti** shared that we ended the Rotary year on June 30 with a Bank balance of over \$22 thousand dollars which is around the same amount we have had in the past. Which is good. He reminded us about the discussion about the budget for this current year and that we didn’t break even on catering costs. So, we have raised the meal dues so hopefully we wouldn’t have that problem in this current year. **Vance Zavela** shared that he has approximately \$471.52 to hand over from McLean Day and July 4<sup>th</sup> water sales. Michael shared that he is waiting for the Rotary International and district six month invoices to know how much to charge our members per capita for those two expenses. So, Michael is waiting for those before he can produce invoices for this year’s first quarter. **Michael Arietti** – suggested we reduce the induction fee from \$50 to \$25. **Vance Zavela** – suggested we include a Rotary shirt instead of reducing the induction fee. **Carol King** shared that ordering 1 shirt at a time makes it too expensive. To avoid that expense she could order some shirts in advance ( i.e. six of each) **Michael Arietti** rescinded his suggestion of lowering the induction fee. All agreed to keep the \$50 fee. **Michael Arietti** shared that the \$25 per quarter fee was not sent into Rotary International back in June. The only downside of that is the club will not get credit for that amount of money. The check will be sent but in the end it may affect any potential recognition we have. **Cecilia Closs** shared she would be willing to call Rotary International to argue why we should get credit. **Vance Zavela** shared that some of us are going to Evanston next month and we could bring this topic up.

**CLUB CALENDAR: 11:10 - Carol**

**Carol King** shared that she just has a couple details to confirm but other than that the new calendar ready to be printed. There will not be meetings on October 1, November 5 & 26, December 24 & 31.

**PUBLIC IMAGE: 11:15 – Joann Berkson**

**Joann** shared agenda items, August 27 Celebrate McLean at 4:15 (Bob Jansen leads) and McLean 5k October 5<sup>th</sup> at 8am. **Joann** shared she will be going on out of town for a month and that the meeting scribing is covered. **Cecilia Closs** shared that she thinks it's time to consider how we can change future scribing by having our meetings recorded and perhaps transcribed in which case we just edit the scribe with the goal of simplifying the task while condensing the amount of information we post.

**MEMBERSHIP: 11:20; Rich/Karen** report on materials

**Cecilia Closs** shared; Richard Meccarielli has a guarded health status that could keep him from fully participating in person. **Cecilia** also shared that Membership is something that she intends to develop and wants a long-term vision for the health of the club.

**Karen Hendrixson** shared about building membership webinar; key elements were:

1. Good leadership with a plan for future succession. 2. Being quick to respond to inquiries by inviting them to meetings and once they apply, get the application approved quickly. 3. Having fun. 4. Everybody need a job as soon as they become a member.

This leads to further involvement within the club as a whole. **Nicki Birch** shared her sister's Rotary club has a "fun group". **Cecilia Closs** shared about her conversation with **Janine Frank** that we could have a social committee or a dining out group.

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE: N/A; Lois Wilson** Not present.

Will be back once she has finished with her commitments

**CLUB GRANTS: 11:25; Courtney Nuzzo** Not present today.

**Michael Arietti** shared the District will send us check for our district range for Timberlane elementary school program. The money for the 15 grants that the foundation approved has gone out usually in July/August once the other clubs finished reporting.

**CLUB SERVICES: 11:55 AM; Michael Falcone**

No updates: **Cecilia Closs** asked how many roles is Michael performing other than the Secretary role. **Michael Falcone** shared he was given the Club Services director role but was never sure what to do with it. **Michael Arietti** shared that services isn't money raising, it's hands-on support. An assessment of social needs in our community can be found through the county and this assessment could be done on an annual basis.

**Vance Zavela** shared there are various things we can do and we could meet with the

neighborhood and community services department and talk. We haven't done an adopt a family in quite a while etc.

**JINGLE BELL 5K RUN/5KWALK** - Janine/Carmen Not present.  
Will be held at McLean H.S. in December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS – Cecilia Closs** re-shared; in the interest of simplifying and condensing our regular club meetings we should either have a club Zoom account @ \$18.32 a month (Business account: 10-250 attendees). **Michael Falcone** shared the option of using a free Google Meet account. **Cecilia Closs** shared for our next meeting, she will use our club Gmail account to send out invites to use Google Meet. Rotarian Frank Petersen asked for a 6 month leave of Absence which was approved by the board.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:56 AM**