



## Rotary Club of McLean Board Meeting Agenda – September 10th, 2024

Conference Room  
11:00 am

**Attendees:** Cecilia Closs, Michael Arietti, Carol King, Michael Falcone, Richard Golden, Carmen Wu, Courtney Nuzzo, Lois Wilson (virtually), Janine Frank (virtually), Bob Jansen, Vance Zavella (virtually), Joann Berkson, Karen Hendrixson

### **CALL TO ORDER: 11:01 AM**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM August 13th MEETING:** Cecilia Closs moved we approved; Carol King seconded. The entire board was in favor; no one opposed; motion passed.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT: Michael Arietti**

**Michael Arietti** - We have finalized an agreement with Holy Redeemer, which will now charge us for three meetings per month, regardless of how many meetings we actually hold. This adjustment reduces our monthly expense from \$880 to \$660. As a result, we anticipate an additional \$1,500 in unobligated funds within our budget. **Michael** also provided an update regarding inefficiencies with the ACH payment method. Additionally, we are prepared to submit the \$2,000 payment to MCC for the upcoming Chocolate Festival in January.

### **CLUB CALENDAR: - Carol King**

**Cecilia Closs** expressed her desire for September 24th to be scheduled on the calendar either as a club service project day or as a day dedicated to discussing potential service projects.

**PUBLIC IMAGE:** – **Joann Berkson** shared that, together with Richard Golden, they have been familiarizing themselves with the various features of DACdb, including loading events, weekly minutes, sign-ups, and meeting notices. **Cecilia Closs** inquired if Joann could provide a report on Bob Jansen's presentation from the previous week to be included in the district newsletter. Joann also mentioned that she is in need of additional scribes, as she currently only has one other person assisting her with this task. The board then discussed ways to streamline the meeting notes process to make

it less burdensome for the scribe. Bob Jansen raised a question regarding the handling of board meeting minutes, which led to the decision to task the Secretary with uploading board-approved meeting minutes moving forward.

**MEMBERSHIP:** - **Karen Hendrixson** informed the board that we have a new applicant, Marsha Dupree, although there has been some difficulty in accessing the three-page Rotary International form. **Michael Arrietti** recommended using the one-page form for new applicants to streamline the process. Additionally, Dan Green from the American Legion has expressed interest in our club and attended a meeting as a guest of Lois Wilson and Glenn Yarbrough.

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:** N/A; **Lois Wilson** shared that the Michelo Project received an award.

**CLUB GRANTS:** **Courtney Nuzzo** nothing new to report this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** **Bob Jansen** – Our club’s participation in the Celebrate McLean event received a tremendous response, with 14 students and a teacher expressing interest in Interact. Notably, the McLean High School Interact Club had a table adjacent to ours, and Bob will be meeting with them this week to further engage. **Courtney Nuzzo** raised the idea of offering honorary membership to the interested teacher. After some discussion on the concept of honorary membership, **Carol King** proposed that we invite individuals as honorary guests to our meetings first, to see how this approach works before extending honorary membership. **Michael Falcone** suggested Greg Miller (McLean HS) could become an honorary member. **Bob Jansen** suggested that Greg, along with other people we value, should be approached to become full members of our club. Bob also shared an update on the Langley High School Interact Club, noting that they are in contact with Connie Sawtell of the Great Falls Rotary, ensuring that the club’s activities with Langley High School will continue.

**CLUB SERVICES:** **Michael Falcone** informed the board that our Rise Against Hunger packaging event is scheduled for November 9th. In addition, we have reached out to Second Story to offer assistance in preparing Thanksgiving food baskets, and we have invited them to speak at an upcoming meeting. **Cecilia Closs** added that Second Story also reached out seeking donations of winter coats, which could serve as another potential service project. Additionally, Debra Jackson is organizing another feminine products drive. **Michael Arrietti** brought to our attention that the Dun Loring Rotary Club is working with Iliff Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, a residential facility for individuals with severe disabilities. Dun Loring provides socks for the children and holds a staff appreciation day that includes a Sunday afternoon picnic with food and music. They have invited us to join them in this initiative on October 20th, offering another

opportunity for a service project. The Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club also has various service projects, and it may be worthwhile to reach out to them as well. The goal is to involve our club in hands-on service projects until we can establish our own McLean-specific projects. **Vance Zavella** mentioned that Winterfest will take place on December 8th, and he will keep us updated on this event through the McLean Revitalization Committee. Vance will also be in discussions with the Salvation Army regarding our participation in December. **Cecilia Closs** shared that our September 24th club meeting will be dedicated to a discussion of service projects. **Bob Jansen** suggested we consider inviting our county board supervisor to become a member of our club.

#### **JINGLE BELL 5K RUN/5KWALK December 7<sup>th</sup> – Janine Frank**

The 5K committee convened last week to review the initial planning for the event, including discussions on sponsorships, donations, and strategies for gaining exposure. The most significant expense anticipated is the cost for seven overtime police officers required for the event day. Last year, this expense exceeded \$2,000.

#### **ADD. NEW BUSINESS – Cecilia Closs**

**Cecilia** – reported that we will proceed with an email vote to approve our proposed new member, Rayan Alolayan. Additionally, the District Conference has requested that all clubs contribute \$250 towards sponsoring the conference. The board voted and approved this sponsorship. **Cecilia** also noted that Nevin Boll has submitted his intent to resign from the club. **Bob Jansen** raised the possibility of conducting exit interviews to understand why members leave. In response, **Cecilia** suggested offering a free lunch once a quarter to former members as a means to stay connected and invite them to participate in service projects.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:56 AM**