

## **Rotary Foundation of Media**

### **Minutes – October 22, 2019**

**Board Members:** Walt Woerheide, President; Gary Zebrowski, Treasurer; Larry Smoose, Secretary; Ted Pleibel; Michael Campbell; Cynthia McGoff; Rob Hancock, Past President.

Members present: Ted Pleibel, Cynthia McGoff, Gary Zebrowski, Walt Woerheide.

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

**Minutes** – The September minutes were approved after one correction to make the date of the September meeting to be September 24, 2019 rather than August 27. (Cynthia/Ted)

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Gary reported that \$14,421.09.68 is available for grants and expenses. This does not count the \$1250 from sponsorship checks for the upcoming Bingo event held in reserve. These are only Bingo funds sent directly to the Foundation to date. It does not include funds sent to the club. After the completion and a full accounting of the Bingo event, the remaining net proceeds will be transferred to the Foundation and moved to funds available for grants and expenses.

The board voted to receive the Treasurer's report. (Ted/Cynthia)

#### **Old Business:**

- The Board considered the \$2,500 grant request from the Center Foundation continued from the previous meeting. The grant is to support their mentorship program for low-income teen and adult mothers. A motion was made to approve a \$1,000 grant to the Center Foundation. It was seconded and the motion passed with Cynthia McGoff abstaining. (Ted/Gary)

#### **Grant requests:**

- The Board considered a \$5,000 grant request from PARCA to support the hiring of local monitors in Botswana to work towards saving the rhinoceros. A motion was made to approve a \$500 grant for this purpose. It was seconded and the motion passed. (Ted/Cynthia)
- The Board considered a \$1,000 grant request from Rotoplast to support their upcoming mission to Nepal. A motion was made to approve a \$1,000 grant for this purpose. It was seconded and the motion passed. (Ted/Cynthia)

#### **New Business:**

- Govinda Malya sent a letter to the Board with two proposals. First, he suggested that it might be more efficient for him, and possibly others, to make one major annual donation to the Foundation rather than multiple donations during for various events throughout the year. The Board is happy to accommodate Govinda with this request. Second, he urged us to do a better job of recognizing major donors during all fundraising events throughout the year. The Board agreed that improvement is needed in this area, and we are considering multiple ways in which to implement these improvements.

- The Board then reviewed its policy on reviewing grant requests. The original policy was to accumulate grant requests during each calendar quarter, and then make decisions on them at the first meeting following each quarter. Each proposal would be initially discussed in the month of receipt. The exception to deferring a decision would be if there were a serious urgency associated with the request. The Board also agreed that all grant recipients would be asked to attend the meeting following the approvals in order to receive their checks and to provide both an opportunity for photos and an opportunity to let members see the distribution of the monies. Checks would not be withheld if there is urgency or there is an inability to attend the photo op. This brief ceremony would also give recipients an opportunity to address the club or readdress the club in the case of a prior presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING: November 26, 9:00 a.m. at the Court Diner**