

ROTARY CLUB OF MENDOCINO
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

The Board meeting, held in Preston Hall, was called to order at 12:05. We had a total attendance of 9, including President Margaret, Past President Toby, Secretary Jeff, Club Services Chair John, Treasurer Brandt, and members Pete, Gary, Michael and Leona. The Secretary noted that we had 5 Board members present, of a voting Board of 9, and so we had a quorum.

OPEN

Margaret said a few words about the purpose of the meeting, which was to establish a platform for action for the rest of the year. Thus we would talk about our budget, membership, committees and committee assignments.

It was moved that the minutes of the last Board meeting, of July 11, 2024 be approved. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

BUDGET AND FINANCES

The budget had been approved in principle in an earlier meeting, but needed still to be updated to reflect the needs of the various committees. John presented his ideas for community services, including supplementing our materials for new members and visitors, updating our badges, getting gifts for speakers and other, similar actions, and we decided to allow \$500 for those items. We talked also about the Meeting Owl 360 degree video camera/microphone which could be used in conjunction with a computer or mobile device to follow, record and zoom meetings and show them on a television screen. We decided that Jeff will go ahead with the purchase, provided that the Owl can be expected to perform these functions at a price consistent with the budget¹.

Jeff mentioned that the \$2,300 international transfer we had made to Vanuatu had not been processed by the National Bank of Vanuatu because it could not accept US dollar deposits. We are waiting for the money to be returned to our Savings Bank account after which we will resend it in a way that can be processed on a more timely basis. Brandt is following up.

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMITTEES

We discussed a list of committees and committee assignments, as prepared earlier and amended during the meeting. At present we are lacking a President-elect, which is a major priority. Gary offered to be Rotary Foundation Chair, which he could do provided his designation was upgraded on MyRotary. The Board decided to make that change on a provisional basis. We also decided to go ahead with the induction of already considered new members Cathy Karabensh, Susan Cimmiyotti, LaDonna MacDonald and Rick MacDonald. Toby described the efforts he was making to recruit additional new members and observed that we have 3 or more prospects. The Board urged him to continue.

¹ Subsequently, Jeff found that the price of the basic unit as advertised on Amazon is \$975, which is consistent with the budget. An extended microphone could also be purchased for another \$153.

Turning to the list of committees, the Board reaffirmed that there would be amongst others a Fun-Raising Committee, and a Technology Coordinator (see the attached list). We noted that the various committee chairs are doing much of the work of the club and urged all members, both old and new, to join and support the committees in which they are most interested.

OLD BUSINESS

We turned to the dinner raffle, for which there are probably 50-60 tickets still to be sold. We decided to set up a table in front of Harvest Market, as pre-approved by Joyce, the Manager, to be open from 2-5 pm on this coming Saturday. We will also set up a table in front of the Post Office, to be open on Fridays. Margaret will take the lead on this with help from Michael and Toby. We will aim to sell all the tickets this month and hold the drawing on September 30.

We had a discussion of the Golf Tournament, which will be held on October 19, with a deadline for teams joining (we need 7 more teams) of October 14. Now is the time to get this going on the fund-raising side. Gary said the predominant need now is for each club member to recruit hole sponsors, for support levels which could range from \$100 (silver), \$250 (gold) and \$500 (platinum). He will see if he can identify a major prize. Pete said he would donate \$200 for a prize closest to the hole prize. Members should let Gary know if they can offer raffle prizes.

CLOSE

The meeting closed at 1:05. Our next Club meeting will be Thursday, September 12 at 12:00 noon in Preston Hall. Our speaker will be Preston Allen, Head of the Caltrans District 1 Planning and Local Assistance unit, who will speak on the projects underway and being planned by Caltrans in the Greater Mendocino area, including Hwy 128, and the Clean California Local Grant program. Be there and invite your friends to come.

Prepared by Jeffery Stubbs, Secretary
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