

**Northfield Rotary Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes**

**Thursday, February 14, 2019
United Methodist Church Library**

Richardson called the meeting to order at 10:52 a.m.

Present: Scott Richardson (President), Jean Wakely (Immediate Past President), Barry Carlson (President Elect/Membership), Andrei Sivanich (Fundraising), Vicki Dilley (Rotary Club Service), Todd Thompson (International service), Kari Nelson (Secretary).

Jake Conway (Community Service) arrived 11:12.

Absent: David Stanford (Treasurer).

Guest: Alan Anderson.

Action Items

Approval of January 10, 2019 minutes

Moved by Carlson, seconded by Sivanich. Motion carried; minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Richardson in Stanford's absence.

Profit/Loss report shows club in good position with cash on hand, but much of that will need to be paid out shortly. Asked that future P/L reports include previous year comparison, as we have had in the past.

Other notes: Northfield Club will decline Minnetonka/Excelsior request to support their website to combat human trafficking, because we have already donated at the district level. An anonymous Rotarian has offered to cover first quarter dues for a leave of absence requested by Dorothea Ischler. Richardson and Dilley will communicate this to her. Our club's tax returns are complete and ready for Board member signatures.

Motion by Dilley to accept Treasurer's report, seconded by Thompson. Motion carried; Treasurer's report accepted.

Approval of New Members/Resignations

Carlson recommends we accept resignation of Tasha Breyer without a formal letter from her, as attempts to reach her have been unsuccessful. Kim Fuhrman membership active as of February 1st.

Discussion

Guatemalan Water Project Update

Thompson reported on recent visit to Guatemala, seeing great progress bringing water to homes and schools from the Phase I efforts. Reps from other districts were visiting to vet for possible involvement in Phase II. Thompson reported that club donations previously matched at 2:1 at District and RI levels, will now only be matched 1:1, so Thompson will be fundraising to make up

the difference. Northfield will need to make its Phase II contribution early in the next fiscal year. International committee would welcome some new members.

Fundraising

Four Way Taste scheduled for July 18 at Red Barn, with backup location at Estensons Event Center.

Turkey Trot meeting scheduled for March 7, 5:30 at Estensons.

Bike Tour will again be led by Brett Reese and Matt Rich.

RCAT Project

Sivanich provided progress report. Northfield Rotary would be a granting agent (three \$7000 grants) and a catalyst to help businesses or other entities to install three EV charging stations around town. RCAT has developed criteria to evaluate requests, and processes for moving projects forward and distributing grant funds. Plan is to hold half of grant distribution until the charging station is installed. Sivanich presented RCAT funding request for \$10,500 in this fiscal year (first half of three \$7,000 grants) and \$10,500 in next fiscal year (second half of those three grants). Consensus that Board will include these amounts in the budget adjustments to be addressed at March meeting. (Funds may come from the regular budget or from the funds held at Northfield Shares.) Suggestion that RCAT may have a presence at the State of the City event March 18.

Club Awards –April 11 in Rochester

We have until March 15 to document our club's accomplishments to be considered for club awards at the district conference.

Youth Exchange

Vicky shared that North Star is short of clubs to host exchange students, which has reduced numbers of students we can send out. North Star has asked Northfield to commit to hosting a 6th student, at a total cost of \$18,000. The \$9000 currently set aside for scholarships should be adequate for this year's scholarship needs.

Communications leadership search

Wakely reported on search for replacement to head Communications after Jenni Roney's resignation.

Information

Director Reports

Conway reported that Local Service Committee is working to develop an online application process for funding requests.

Big Idea presentations to Board at 9 on Saturday – be there at 8:45!

Burnsville Rotary Concert for Caring

Stadium Rock with Freddy and the Armadillos. April 27, Burnsville. Presale begins this week.

Carlson moved to adjourn, seconded by Dilley. Meeting adjourned at 11:56.