



Woodland Rotary Endowment

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Board Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2025

Location: Ullrich Delevati CPAs, 433 Second Street

Directors present: Aniek Pflager, Rob Beggs, Clyde Brooker, Lisa Martinez Dunham (arrived late), Kris Kristensen, Nick Roncoroni, and Dan Stroski

Directors absent: Tony Delevati, Tom Schwarzgruber

Guests present: Woodland Rotary Club President Bob Nakken

1. Vice President Rob Beggs called the meeting to order at 4:08pm.
2. Minutes of the Board's December 4, 2024, meeting and its January 9, 2025, e-meeting were reviewed. On the motion of Clyde Brooker, seconded by Aniek Pflager, both minutes were unanimously approved (6 ayes, 0 noes, 3 absent).
3. **OLD BUSINESS** - Secretary Kris Kristensen reported President Tony Delevati had asked Don Huff III if he would be willing to champion the effort to find good applicants for the Berrettoni Scholarship and bring them to the Board's consideration. Don declined the opportunity, but suggested Kathy Berrettoni, George's widow, should be asked to be involved. The Board reiterated its interest in restarting the Scholarship and find a champion of the project to find and vet good applicants. Following discussion of potential other members to contact for this role, Dan Stroski volunteered to inquire with certain other members identified. It was informally agreed for him to make those inquiries and provide the Board with their replies.
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT** – The Board briefly reviewed the January 31, 2025 Endowment financial statements provided in advance of the meeting by Treasurer Tom Schwarzgruber. However, since the Treasurer was not present today, the Board deferred any action on the financial report to our next meeting.
5. **MAIN SCHOLARSHIP** – Following up on discussion at the December 4, 2024 meeting, the Board generally discussed possible changes to the long-standing, academic Scholarship Program providing \$6,000 over four years (\$1,500 annually) for the valedictorians at the two public high schools in Woodland: Woodland High and Pioneer High. Possible changes discussed included increasing the amount of the scholarship, offering the scholarship to the valedictorian at Woodland Christian High School, and paying the scholarship over a single year rather than over four years. There was a

consensus that the amount of the scholarship should be increased, possibly to as much as \$7,500, payable over a single year. The concept of adding a third high school to the program had not received support at this time. Since both President Tony Delevati and Treasurer Tom Schwarzgruber, who both have information about the financing of these possible changes, were not in attendance, it was decided to continue this discussion to a meeting when both could attend, and a decision could be made when the financial implications of possible changes were made clear.

6. **BOARD POSITIONS** – Secretary Kris Kristensen explained the Endowment Board consists of a total of nine positions; including eight Board of Director members positions and one Treasurer member position, which is filled by the Club's Treasurer. The Board of Director positions are elected by the Club membership. For the year beginning July 1, 2025 the eight Board of Director positions will be split into four positions with one-year terms (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026) and the other four positions with two-year terms (July 1, 2025-June 30, July 2027). The Treasurer position is always a one-year term.

Since the current Board only has two positions filled with two-year terms (Delevati & Kristensen), the Club will be faced with filling six vacancies on the Board beginning with the July 1, 2025 term. Secretary Kristensen asked if any current Board members would volunteer to be presented for election by the Club to new terms on the Endowment Board beginning July 1, 2025. Following discussion members Brooker, Stroski and Kristensen volunteered to be presented for election to two-year terms beginning July 1, 2025. Members Beggs, Dunham, and Roncoroni volunteered to be presented for election to one-year terms beginning July 1, 2025. These names, along with names of other Club members necessary to fill any remaining vacancies, will be presented to the Club membership for election sometime in June 2025.

7. Under new business, Club President Bob Nakken reported the **children's books** the Endowment Board had approved purchase of at its December 4, 2024 meeting were presented to the kindergarten and first grade students at Gibson School on January 23, 2025. Bob added that Lori Ross, who had made the original request for Club involvement in the project, has since suggested it might be a good idea to also present similar children's books to the special education students (estimated to be 40 students) at Gibson School. Bob asked the Board if there was an interest in purchasing an estimated 40 additional books, at a cost of \$17 per book (\$680) for this purpose.

At this point Board member Dan Stroski announced he has had a long working relationship with Leticia Ordaz's husband, Enrique Baeza, which could pose a conflict of interest for him if the purchase of the books was again made through Cielito Lindo Books, owned by Ms. Ordaz. He said he would abstain from participating in this issue.

During general discussion several Board members indicated support to purchase additional children's books, but some members asked why additional books should be for more students from Gibson School versus doing so for students at other local

schools. Similarly, several Board members asked if the Endowment should make this into an annual program serving a broader range of local children and possibly utilizing additional sources of books. Bob indicated he would ask Lori Ross to provide the Board with a specific proposal that could address these possible options. Once the proposal is received that matter will be placed on a subsequent Board agenda.

8. The Board agreed its next meeting would take place on **Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at the UDCPA offices beginning at 4pm**. Next meeting agenda items will include continued discussion on possible changes to the Endowment's main Scholarship program.
9. Vice President Beggs adjourned the meeting shortly after 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kris Kristensen, Secretary