

**Marquette West Rotary Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2024
12:00 p.m. Via Zoom
Meeting ID 885 2520 5780
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Call to Order

The August 28, 2024, meeting of the Board of Directors of the Marquette West Rotary Club was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by President Andrew LaCombe.

Members Present: Andrew LaCombe, Eric Froberg, Bryan Lopac, Brooke Quinn, Christine Pesola, Pam Christensen, Chuck Williams, Amanda Knaffla and Brady Buher.

Members Excused: Jon Summersett, Kyle Danek and Lauren Rowland

Others Present: Rick Orr

Approval of the Revised Agenda was made on a motion by Lopac with support of Pesola. Motion carried Unanimously.

Approval of July 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the July 10, 2024, meeting were approved as written on a motion by Lopac with support of Froberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Report

- Still following up on overdue billing-most have paid. There are 6 overdue accounts. All long overdue accounts have been written off and members dropped from the Marquette West Rotary Club rolls.
- Working on billing for next quarter-some requests for monthly billing have been received. Christensen is trying to develop a standard billing for RI, District and Local Dues as well as meals.

Treasurer's Report-Buher

- Financial Reports-Buher presented the financials for the MWR and HarborFest Accounts. HarborFest receipts and bills are continuing to come in. Funds deposited into the Incredible Bank account via Square will be moved by Christensen to the Range Bank HarborFest Account.
- HarborFest 2023 Sales Tax need to pay for 2023 and 2024. Brady will calculate and pay by September 30, 2024 deadline.

President's Report

- Merger discussions with Breakfast Rotary Club continues. LaCombe has sent out a request for members to serve on merger committees. We would like to have the merger completed by January 1, 2025. Lopac asked for clarification on the Rotary traditions and culture about which Breakfast members are concerned.
- RYLA Request from Perry Trucson was reviewed. Pesola will follow up with Jenna Zdunek for homeschool students and Jess Hanley for UPCM students. Knaffla will check with Amanda Erspamer for suggestions.

New Business

- Playgrounds for All Resolution was presented by Rick Orr. This resolution is being requested to release funds held by the Community Foundation of Marquette for the Playground Maintenance Fund established in 1997 when the original Kids Cove was completed. The City of Marquette has assumed responsibility for the future maintenance of the Playgrounds for All site as a stipulation of accepting the Michigan DNR Trust Fund Grant. In the past, the City has done maintenance on the Kids Cove playground, and maintenance funds were rarely used.

The Following Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Resolution

The Board of Directors of the Marquette West Rotary Club request the transfer of all remaining funds from the Kids Cove Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of Marquette County to the Playgrounds for All Fund to be used to complete the new Playgrounds for All playground located at Ellwood Mattson Lower Harbor Park.

These funds will be used to pay additional unanticipated costs related to construction of the new playground. In addition, they will also qualify for a match of funds in the amount of \$25,000 that can also be used to complete the playground.

Resolution Adopted on August 28, 2024, on a motion by Christine Pesola and second by Eric Froberg. Motion carried by the following vote

Ayes: Pesola, Froberg, LaCombe, Christensen, Lopac, Buher, Williams, Quinn and Knaffla

Nays: None

**Certified by Pamela R. Christensen,
Recording Secretary
Marquette West Rotary Club**

Christensen stated that she is trying to develop a quarterly billing amount that will adequately cover the costs for the following

- **Dues Structure-**
 - Local Dues \$100 per year
 - Rotary International dues \$150 per member per year
 - District 6220 dues \$75 per member per year

Upon discussion, it was determined that RI annual dues are not \$150 per year but approximately \$90 per person per year. Christensen will revise this billing structure and send to the Board members for review.

On a motion by Pesola with support by Froberg, the motion to charge a flat Credit Card fee of 5% per transaction for Dues, Fees, etc. This fee will be charged from now on for all credit card transactions. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- Meeting Schedule 2024/2025 was discussed. It will be revised to include joint meetings with the Breakfast Club.

Committee Reports

HarborFest-Christensen, Lopac-Preliminary Report

Membership-Froberg

Public Relations-LaCombe

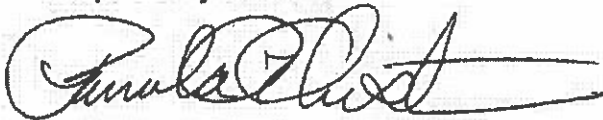
Rotary Foundation-Vacant

Service Projects-Pesola

Next Board Meeting-September 25, 2024 at Noon at Christensen's.

The meeting was Adjourned at 1:10 p.m. on a motion by Christensen, with support of Pesola. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted



Pam Christensen
Recording Secretary