



**Mid-Columbia Rotaract Club
District 5080 | Club 42440**

Minutes of the February 22, 2012 Meeting at the Richland Public Library

Attendance

Present were President Tim Kuchler, Vice-President and Treasurer Kevin Yetter, Membership Chair Lisa Lockrem, Community Service Chair David Hjerpe, New Generations Liaison Jeremy Asmus, Members Nicole Regobert, Shane Clark, and Rotary members Kris Troyer and Gary Troyer.

Agenda

The Vice-President provided a background and summary of what Rotaract is all about. He had prepared an agenda of items for consideration at this meeting. Items from that agenda as well as other items considered during the meeting constituted the meeting's agenda as follows:

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1. Outstanding Action Items

NOTE: In the future, all action items will be captured in content items below.

- *Action:* Jeremy to coordinate Kevin's registration for PETS and get everything set up.
Status: Complete
- *Action:* Kevin to make changes on the financial statement spreadsheet. Make a new summary sheet. *Status:* Complete
- *Action:* All present to write on paper (or email to Tim) the 5-word reason they got involved in Rotaract *Status:* Need to complete prior to next meeting.
- *Action:* Tim to compile "reasons" and email to Rampur (notebook paper) *Status:* Need to complete prior to next meeting.
- *Action:* Lisa to send historical Rotaract content to Amy for website *Status:* Complete
- *Action:* Amy to revise and send document "50 Ways to Support a Local Rotaract Club" to Mike/Rampur *Status:* Tim will check with Amy.
- *Action:* Amy to ask Lisa about email blast options, etc. *Status:* N/A
- *Action:* Tim to contact Mike about international service project issue, after club meets *Status:* Complete
- *Action:* Tim to determine when to meet with Mike Tuohy regarding the matching grant programs. *Status:* In progress.

2. Treasurer's Report

Statement: The club has paid \$23 for two years of keeping the domain name of www.mcrotaract.com. The last summary report was provided to Jeremy Asmus to go back to our sponsor club, Richland Rotary.

Decision: N/A

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3. Community Service: Junior Achievement Celebrity Bowl

Statement: The mission of Junior Achievement (JA) “is to educate and inspire young people to achieve financial literacy, become prepared for the work force, and embrace entrepreneurship in order to succeed in a global economy.” At the annual JA bowling, MCRC volunteers to help the event run smoothly. The shifts that MCRC is supporting this year include:

Friday, March 2:

Shift #3 - 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 3:

Shift #3 - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Shift #4 - 9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Take-down starts at 11:00 p.m. (through by midnight)

Decision: Everyone identified availability and to circulate information. Details posted on website calendar and on Facebook page.

4. Community Service: Parkway Christmas Light Takedown

Statement: The parkway light takedown was a success! It was scheduled from 10am to 2pm and it only lasted from 10am to 12 noon! Vice-President Kevin Yetter brought Starbucks coffee and MCRC earned \$500!

Decision: N/A

5. RI Website / MCRC Website / District Website

Statement: The RI website was updated with member information this week by President Tim Kuchler. The MCRC website has been updated and under additional development by Secretary Amy Kuchler and Membership Chair Lisa Lockrem. Ideas and content are welcome! We still need to send quotes to District Governor Rampur Viswanath for the district website.

Decision: Quotes for the district website need to be submitted prior to the next meeting.

6. Community Service: Talkin' Trash

Statement: We need organize into teams again for our Trash Pick-Up fundraiser and set a schedule.

Decision: To be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Rotary Conference: June 6-10, 2012

Statement: Rotary members Kris and Gary Troyer presented information about the upcoming Rotary Conference and specifically activities occurring the week prior to the conference.

Opening ceremonies on June 1 with dignitaries. June 1 to June 6 Pre-Conference Mall Event in concert with KGH and various Rotary Clubs to display projects, etc. with an attempt to interact with the public. How do you get traffic into that? Geocaching? 4-way test? Scavenger hunt? End with a celebration at the end that would happen at the conference.

Space to put Rotaract and Interact. Timing...etc. Need to figure out. Will likely be out near Macy's. Pictures of projects that we've done. There will be a kiosk there...KGH, Rotary Club of the Day, International Perspective of Rotary. How do we express Rotaract? Video display panels? Local map that shows where we have reached out in the community. Member Shane Clark expressed concerned that no one knows about RYLA. Get some ideas.

On Saturday, Barnes and Nobles will give kickback to Rotary Foundation for our District and split between Polio Plus and the Foundation. Refer to the brainstorming list on how this could be involved. KGH will have a Health and Wellness perspective to this. Buttons "Ask me about Rotary?"

Decision: MCRC to discuss and provide input BEFORE March 23rd to Rotary members Kris and Gary Troyer.

8. Funding for Rotary District Conference

Statement: Cris Gamache announced the New Generations committee has approved funding has become available to provide for two individuals' fee. Various options were discussed on how to allocate the money.

Decision: Membership Chair Lisa Lockrem made a motion to have New Generations Liaison Jeremy Asmus to make a presentation regarding the Conference so MCRC was better informed and could then make a decision on money disbursement. President Tim Kuchler seconded. All in favor.

9. Community Service: Habitat for Humanity's Brush of Kindness

Statement: Membership Chair Lisa Lockrem presented briefly on Habitat for Humanity's Brush of Kindness program. The club was interested in the program and thought it was a good idea.

Decision: Membership Chair Lisa Lockrem and member Nicole Regobert (serves on Habitat committee) will coordinate to find out more information.

10. Promotional Cards

Statement: Membership Chair Lisa Lockrem made a motion to spend no more than \$50 to procure the new promotional materials for Rotaract. Member Shane Clark seconded. All in favor.

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Decision: Membership Chair Lisa Lockrem to order cards.

11. Membership

Statement: Welcome New Member Nicole Regobert! Membership information needs to get back in order and dues paid.

Decision: Membership Chair Lisa Lockrem to bring membership forms and information to next meeting.

12. Duck Races, Boat Races, & Calendar of Events

Statement: New Generations Liaison Jeremy Asmus discussed the MCRC involvement with the duck race ticket sales. Community Service Chair David Hjerpe proposed to modify our involvement with the annual boat races to include additional fundraising. Other discussions ensued about opportunities for MCRC involvement.

Decision: Community Service Chair David Hjerpe's action is to follow up with the Ron Hue to explore options, such as water bottles and duck race ticket sales. It was also discussed that a yearly calendar of events would be discussed at the next meeting. All ideas should be sent to Membership Chair Lisa Lockrem to compile and bring to the next meeting.

13. Club Awareness & Challenge

Statement: Membership Chair Lisa Lockrem posed action for all members to find out the importance of February 23rd to Rotary.

Decision: Members to find answer for next meeting. Community Service Chair David Hjerpe suggested we come up with a Rotaract Quiz as a fundraiser to challenge the local Rotary clubs. President Tim Kuchler seconded. All in favor.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 6, 6:15pm,
Richland Public Library, Conference Room A**