

MINUTES OF
THE 2013-14 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
ROTARY CLUB OF ALTADENA

October 1, 2013

This meeting of the 2013-14 Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Altadena was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, in the Conference Room of Past President Tony Hill, 260 S. Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101.

The following Directors and officers for the 2013-14 Board year were present:
Directors - Louviere, Mehringer, Seyffert, Zoeller.
Officers - Mehringer (President), Seyffert (Sec.).

The following Directors and officers for the 2013-14 Board year were absent:
Directors - Frykenberg, Jasnow, Yorke.
Officers - Johnson (Vice-Pres.), Noll (Treas.), Yorke (Pres.-Elect).

Present as a guest was member Charles Wilson.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. President Dennis Mehringer chaired the meeting. The agenda included reviews of the minutes & budget, a change of our Christmas Party plans, a review of a Pasadena Playhouse offer, notice of the Rose Court special meeting, a review of new member procedures, and consideration of new business. Handouts included the agenda, September minutes, reports of member payments received and open invoices, and background correspondence concerning the recent developments in regard to the Apo Rotary Club in Abuja, Nigeria.

Prior to the presence of a quorum and the formal opening of the meeting, the following items were noted. The next Tuesday board meeting dates will be November 5, December 10 and January 7. We will be "dark" on our normal Thursday meeting days of December 26 and January 2. Regular meetings at the ATCC will be held on December 5 and 19, but not on December 12 (as noted below).

Upon motion by Zoeller and second by Louviere, the September minutes were approved unanimously without change. It was moved by Zoeller, seconded by Seyffert & passed unanimously that we accept the Treasurer's reports on dues payments.

It was announced by president Mehringer that the December 12 Christmas Party could not be hosted by Dave Smith as previously agreed. Upon discussion, Charlie Wilson generously offered to ask Mr. Mack if the B.S.A. offices might be used for this purpose, with catering to be undertaken by Big Mama's restaurant.

President Mehringer made note of the Pasadena Playhouse offer conveyed through past-president Johnson but, as he was not at this time present to discuss it, the matter was tabled. Similarly, the Rose Court special meeting was only briefly noted.

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The question of new membership approval procedures arose through a request by David Smith that we speed up the process so that candidates are not left in limbo awaiting our action. He was not suggesting that a change in Bylaws was necessary -- only that we convene the Board in a timely fashion after receipt of a nomination or application. Most recently, and in recognition of Dave's concern, a special Board meeting was called immediately following one of our weekly meetings so that Dr. John Casci would not be forced to wait until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting for his nomination to be sent to the membership.

President Mehringer added to the above his own concern that some recent prospects had been left waiting to receive a further invitation to visit us and/or to submit applications for membership, owing to the oversight of the inviting member to conduct followup. It was recommended in regard to the latter matter that all members should endeavor to see that member-sponsors of guests receive the application brochure to pass on to their guest(s) at the time of the meeting attended by them.

Under New Business the Board considered our Nigeria project. President Mehringer, in response to the request received from the Apo Rotary Club that we turn over financial management of the project to them, has written that we are refusing to do so. We are the financially accountable club under Rotary policies and procedures in any case, and we have reason to question the motivation for such a request.

We will possibly consider an increase to the Nigeria project budget next year, as suggested from within our own membership, but for the time being the matter is tabled and sent back to committee. No final figures on project costs are available at this time. We will be attempting to identify another Nigerian club and district with which we may cooperate on entrepreneurship training.

In other New Business, Charlie Wilson invited participation in the Boy Scouts Golf Classic to be held November 4; President Mehringer indicated his interest. It was announced that our speaker from Cal Tech, Dr. Michael Hoffman, has won a Gates Foundation award and additional funding for his environmentally designed solar toilet and has invited our club to campus to witness a demonstration. The meeting closed with a brief review of the year's committee chair assignments.

Upon motion of Seyffert and second of Zoeller, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.