

Issue No. 1381

Date: 24 Kartik 2077 / 9 November 2020

<u>Today's Programme:</u> Regular Weekly Meeting	<u>Congratulatory Events</u> <u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – 12 Nov. <u>Wedding anniversaries:</u> Nil
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1729

Date: 17 Kartik 2077 / 2 November 2020

1. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang called the virtual RCP meeting No. 1729 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. Pledges of 'Happy News/Sunshine' contribution and to the Operational Fund marked as 'OF':

- Rtn. Rtn. Preeti Khemka – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
- Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 1,000).
- Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for recovering from Covid-19 with PCR negative test (NRs. 1,000).
- Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for hiking with son to Thakuri Gaun (Bhimeshwar Mahadev) and to the top of Phulchowki (NRs. 500).
- Rtns. Ganesh R. & Bijaya Shrestha – for a negative Covid-19 test of Rtn. Bijaya Shrestha (NRs. 1,000).
- Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for Rtn. Preeti Khemka's birthday (NRs. 1,000).
- Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for an opportunity to speak in 'World Polio Day' virtual programme of the District as the RCP was the largest donor to the Polio+ fund within our District & receiving PHF+5 Pin (NRs. 1,000).
- Rtns. Padam L. & Kamala Maharjan – for 'Happy Landing' from the USA despite the difficulties due to Covid-19 formalities, installation of 472 kg. Gong (Ghanta) at Chovar Ganesthan by Pashupati Annapurna Ashram and being named member secretary of Health Service Committee of Kirtipur Municipality Ward No. 6. (NRs. 1,000).
- Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for making a presentation on the occasion of 'One Health Day – 3 November' and for having the RCP's project of 'Animal Welfare for Public Health' (NRs. 500).
- Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha – for 'Happy Dashain' (NRs. 1,000).

4. Other Contributions:

The month of November is 'The Rotary Foundation (TRF)' month. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang informed that the RCP has exceeded its target in raising funds for Polio+, but for the Annual Fund it was still short of the target. He urged all to contribute even small amounts starting from a minimum of US \$25. The following members pledged to contribute to the Annual Fund of TRF:

Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya, Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay, Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary, Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya and Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – US \$50 each or a Total of US \$250.

5. Rotary News/Information:

- President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang:
 - Briefed on the District's virtual programme on 'World Polio Day – 24 October'.
 - Briefed on the District's virtual WASH seminar on 30 October participated by himself and Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal. A very good programme with excellent speakers and some 270 participants.
 - Participated in the District Governor's virtual meeting with Club Presidents of our region.
 - Informed on the speedy progress with the alumni of Anandakuti school (AKAA) on the planned project of reconstruction of the school.
 - Received information regarding Governor Nominating Committee for RY 2023-2024 from the District. This is being shared by e-mail with all so that qualified and interested members may apply.
- Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan was very happy to return after almost a year in the USA due to Covid-19 travel restrictions. He has handed-over the PEEF documentation to the RCP with apologies for the delay. He also thanked RCP for the opportunity to serve as the Programme Manager of PEEF for a couple of years.
- Upon request of PP of Rotaract Club of Patan Rtn. Peshal Bhattarai, President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang agreed to have a virtual meeting with the newly formed Interact Club of St. Xavier's School.

- Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary shared his experience and advice with Covid-19 as both he and his spouse were tested positive on 22 October. This has also been shared with the RCP family on Viber. They are now in good health and expected negative PCR test results being carried out on 4 November.
6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha – RC Bonao, La Vega, Dominican Republic, Caribbean Islands; Chartered: celebrating its 50th year on 27 November 1970; Current President - Rtn. Christian Rodriguez; & Members: 27. District: 4060, Clubs: 63, & Members: 1387.
 7. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, on behalf of the Secretary, Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty announced: total contribution pledges of NRs. 8,000 to the sunshine fund of the RCP, attendance: 29 members.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal

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| Q. Term duration of The Rotary Foundation Chair and Trustee members | A. One and four years, respectively. |
| Q. Year, when Rotary launched the Polio Plus programme | A. 1985 |
| Q. Author of '4 Way Test' translation in Nepali with the number of words | A. Late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit. 28 words. |

4th Board Meeting of Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 31 October 2020

President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang presented the minutes/decisions of the 4th Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha, which were endorsed/approved by the 'House'. The virtual Board meeting was conducted on 31 October 2020. Eleven Board members participated in the meeting.

The minutes/decisions of the 4th Board meeting are as follows:

1. The minutes of the 3rd Board Meeting were reviewed with follow-up on outstanding issues. It was noted that while all the work for the Lalitdhara Souvenir has been completed, printing has been further delayed to November due to the Covid-19 pandemic and Dashain holidays.
2. Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed about the offer of donation of 'Sodium Hypochlorite' commonly known as bleach, from our Italian partners, PP Rtn. Barani Corrado of Rotary Club of Vignola-Castelfranco, Italy, who owns the Barchemicals Group. It is used for bacteria, virus, and mould as disinfectants in surface and water that would be very useful for hospitals particularly during Covid-19 pandemic. Suggested quantity is 400,000 concentrated 10ml bags or a container load. As the quantity is very large, contacts are being made with the Ministry of Health and Population, Department of Health Services to offer this possible donation to the government so that they may manage its clearance and distribution.
3. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang updated on the status of the RCP's Covid-19 public awareness efforts done by the Public Image committee. A 30 second video spot costing NRs. 45,000 has been produced and shared via the RCP's Facebook page attracting already more than 2000 views. Considering a lot of communication propagated by various parties in this regard, the Board agreed to revise the RCP's budget allocation to a total of NRs. 200,000 for Covid-19 public awareness support being managed by the Public Image committee.
4. Following earlier in principle agreement, the Board approved an allocation of NRs. 100,000 for the Anandakuti Vidhyapeeth School Reconstruction Project and to open a separate bank account in the name of 'Rotary Club of Patan (AKVSP)' for this project at the Century Commercial Bank. The total estimated budget for this project is NRs. 6.4 million. Fifty percent of this is being provided by Anandakuti Alumni Association (AKAA) with the other 50% being raised by Rotary. District ERRRP would be funding NRs. 3 million with the rest being the responsibility of the RCP to raise. A draft MOU has been agreed with AKAA and a three member RCP committee formed to manage this project. Committee members are Rtms. Mahendra S. Rawal, First Contact; Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya, Second Contact; and Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha, Technical Adviser.
5. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang updated on the planned Mirge, Dolakha, community hospital ambulance project global grant with international partner Rotary Club of Altadena, California, USA. Once the community hospital is officially registered with the government and inaugurated, project proposals will be formalised for the approval of the District and TRF in the next couple of months.
6. Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty updated on the status of four open global grants of the RCP. Two of these have been closed with final reports already submitted to the RI for approval, and the remaining two are in the final stages of implementation.
7. Joint Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the statement of income and expenditures of the RCP for the month of October 2020. It was noted that three members need to pay the outstanding membership dues urgently and contacts have been made to collect these as soon as possible.
8. Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal agreed to host the 5th Board meeting of RY 2020-2021.
9. In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, there was no post-board fellowship, therefore, Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha pledged a contribution of NRs. 30,000 to the RCP members' fellowship fund. On behalf of all Board members, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha for his pledge.