



Minutes for Steilacoom Kiwanis Board Meeting

March 10, 2026

Members Present: Rick Ash, Patrick Kennedy, Dianne Hassan, John Rozsnyai, Sheila Johns, Patrick Speleers, PK Thumbi, Dick Muri, Bob Mize, Nancy Henderson, and Harley Moberg.

Secretary's Report:

- As of February 28, 2026 we have 157 members
- Minutes for February 2026 board meeting approved (quorum attending).
- We averaged 45 members per meeting in February (Live and Zoom attendance)

Treasurer's Report:

- Presented by John Rozsnyai
- Club checking account balance as of February 28, 2026 is \$23,713.00
- Foundation checking account balance as of February 28, 2026 is \$63,328.00
- Endowment Fund quarterly account balance of December 31, 2025 is \$440,000.00

Committee Reports:

- Program Director: Dick announced that the meeting on 3/12 will be the presentation of the Hixson Award to Mark Pires and Sam Scott will provide the Youth Protection Training required by Kiwanis International.
- Ad Hoc Committee-Community Park on 1st Street and Montgomery: No Update
- WineFest: No update on funds raised
- Key Club: Members of the Steilacoom HS Key Club will be the presenters during the 3/19 meeting. Bob Mize announced that Nancy Henderson was presented with the Administrator's Support Award for her contributions to the Pacific Northwest District of Key Club.
- School Support-Nothing to report

Other Business:

- Foundation: The retiring Board and the New Board will meet to determine the time line for the changeover of leadership. At this time, the new board has decided to follow the Kiwanis International bylaws with a few possible tweaks. Patti Hemphill will be the new treasure and will work with Christine Gleason the transfer the position.
- Erin Bathurst presented more information on her request for a mini grant to purchase ukuleles for her students at Salter's Point. The request was for 30 ukuleles and carrying bags for \$1,500.00. They are soprano size, are easy to take care, and the replacement strings are not very expensive. \$2,000.00 was approved by the board for the ukuleles, carrying bags, and storage rack. The request will be sent to the foundation.
- Harley Moberg, presented information from Mary Dodsworth, on behalf of the Fort Steilacoom Barn Project, about the Kiwanis helping support the project. The H Barn possibly gives us another location to hold events other than the McGavick Center and could be beneficial to the local community. Traditionally we have supported other improvements in Fort Steilacoom Park. Any funds donated

would be matched by Partners for Parks. Talked about donating \$10,000.00 from the Club checking account but will check with the Foundation first.

- Sheila Moberg reached out with some information from Ryan Retzlaff, at Fed Spieg Media, about a sponsorship program to help support the athletic programs at Steilacoom HS. It was voted unanimously to purchase the All-Star Partner package for \$1,500.00. This package includes 2 Elite Banners (Stadium and Baseball) and a full page media ad featured in all seasonal guides. Will be presented to the Foundation Board to come from the Contingency Fund.
- Harley Moberg asked the club to purchase Legion Of Honor Pins for all members that been in the club for 25 or more years. We currently have 7 members entitled to 30 year pins and 5 members entitled to 25 year pins. The pins are \$13.00 each for a total of \$156.00. It was approved unanimously. Harley will take care of purchasing the pins and coordinating with Dick on when to present them to the members.
- On March 5th, Lisa Boyd did a program at the club meeting about Young Life and how it helps young people in the community. She followed up with information on how Kiwanis could help sponsor the Young Life Banquet and that information was presented to the board. After much discussion it was decided that that type of organization does not fall under the scope of our mission. Dick will contact Lisa Boyd with our decision.
- Can Recycling: This was originally started to help Middle School students attend 6th Grade Camp. On March 5th, the club received a check from Mike Henderson for \$574.20.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Special Board Meeting

A special board meeting was convened at 6:40 to address the issue of the Invocation at every club meeting. Members attending were Rick Ash, Patrick Kennedy, Patrick Speleers, Sheila Johns, PK Thumbi and Dianne Hassan

- Club members have contacted Rick with concerns about politics and specifically Christian religion in the prayers done at the meetings.
- Discussion covered whether we should discontinue the Invocation, turn it into a moment of reflection or encouragement, or keep the invocation but set specific guidelines as to what can be said in the prayer.
- It was decided to establish an ad hoc committee to study the matter further and come up with recommendations to the board before addressing it with the club. Rick will continue to remind members during the club meeting to refrain from including politics and Christian phrases, such as “in Jesus name we pray” in their prayers.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

The next Board Meeting will be on April 14, 2026 at the SHSD #1 Professional Development Center at 5:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Dianne Hassan, Secretary.