

ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, May 10, 2023 @ 10:15am

PRESENT: Tim Foster, Stacy Pasche, Jay Peregrine, Judy Remmert, Steve Walton. ABSENT: Bill Collin, Mitch Jaworski, Amy Plumstead, Pat Storrer GUESTS: Dale Charters

The meeting was called to order at the Hotel Frankfort at 10:23 a.m. by Judy.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Jay Peregrine / Tim Foster to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Jay Peregrine / Steve Walton to approve the April 2023 minutes with the correction that Dale Charters was not present.

Secretary's Report: Stacy confirmed that M. Trembley is no longer on the club roster. As of May 10, 2023 the club has 58 active members and 3 honorary members.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

President's Report:

Jon Armstrong is sponsoring Cliff VanDyke for an honorary membership. Cliff was a member for many years but resigned membership when he could no longer attend meetings. He would like to attend the social meetings when possible. Motion by Peregrine to approve Cliff VanDyke for Honorary membership. Seconded by Steve Walton. Motion carried, unanimously. Stacy will look into where the Honorary membership certificates are available to order/print.

The board voted via email to make Pat Storer an Honorary member. Before any changes to her status are made, Judy will confirm that Pat can still serve as the Foundation chair with Honorary status. Tim Foster also suggested that we look into Rotary's "Rule 85."

Val Gerhardt may be requesting seed money for a possible program through Benzie Sunrise/BACN for an Educational Fund. She says the request is for seed money, not for an ongoing project. There is still a question as to whether this qualifies as a RI grant.

Treasurer's Report:

In Mitch's absence, Judy presented the Financial statements as of April 30, 2023.

"As of April 30, the Club had approximately \$12,000 in cash and members receivables of \$7,000. Of this amount \$7,500 is payable to RI and the RI Foundation at the end of June. Of our annual dues, \$510, only \$150 per member is available for our local Club's use, about \$7,500 for the year. The attached Statement of Revenues and Expenses sets forth the various administrative (\$5000) and program expenses (\$5000). The shortfall is about \$2500. When I return, I will submit my version of next year's budget. Input from Board members will be welcomed." -*submitted via email by Mitch May 2, 2023.*

The "Pints for Polio" check from Stormcloud was never received. SC has reissued the check. Steve Walton motioned to approve the Pints for Polio revenue for matching funds up to \$500. Seconded by Time Foster. Motion carried, unanimously. No motion is required to send the match on to RI; however, the RI match deadline is approaching and Mitch will need to send the funds ASAP.

Pat and Mitch are working on a Community Impact Statement.

Reminders will be sent to all members that this quarter's dues and any late dues need to be paid by June. We pay RI dues in July.

To provide more transparency to the Club, the board wondered if we should have an annual review of club finances. There was also a question about read-only access to the Club's Quickbooks files.

Administrator's Report:

None

Membership:

Steve has been unable to reach Jeff Hessler since he paid his dues in full. He is trying to reach him to thank him and to confirm he no longer wishes to be active in the club. Stacy confirmed his current membership status is not active/terminated.

Publicity:

Publicity Grant application period is July 1, 2023 - October 15, 2023. Jay would like to use these funds to continue the Garden Theater Ads. Stacy offered assistance to redesign the ad for the summer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grants:

Theater Door Grant Final Report still in progress. Due June 2023.

The possibility of an outdoor drinking fountain project is still being considered. The idea is for the club to provide an outdoor drinking fountain on the trail (with dog water bowl) near the Library/Open Space. Possible partnerships for this project are the Friends of the Betsie Valley Train, City of Frankfort, and the Friends of the Library.

Youth Services:

Judy reported that the FHS graduate banners are ready and will be installed soon. John Grix did a great job organizing!

Centennial Celebration:

Tim is still working with Russell Hampton (a licensed RI merch vendor) to have commemorative centennial pins made for each member. He is also looking into new name badge costs. There was a brief discussion about a celebratory social event. When to have it? Whom to include (district officials, alumni, etc.)? Nothing official was chosen, but there was consensus that fall 2024 would be the preferred time. Tim will coordinate with Mitch regarding the budget for centennial events and merch.

Tim has touched base with Jim Ryan so that the Willoughby Rotary Foundation Centennial publicity is in sync with the club publicity. The Willoughby Foundation is highlighting its scholarship by showcasing the success of past scholarship recipients. It was mentioned that the Willoughby Foundation is not 100 years old and we should be careful on messaging.

The Garden Theater ads that are currently running can be updated to a Centennial ad at any time.

Old Business:

By-law updates - in process - Storrer

Planning for a joint Holiday Party with Benzie Sunrise Club on Tuesday, Dec. 19th. - in process.

New Business:

There was a request that the club sponsor a hole for the Habitat for Humanity golf outing. Discussion on whether a sponsorship by the club would be considered good works or publicity. Tim Foster motioned that the club sponsor a hole for the Habitat for Humanity golf outing. Second by Steve Walton. Motion passed, unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn: Jay Peregrine/Steve Walton

Meeting Adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Next meeting: Wed, June 7, 2023 at 10:15 a.m. at the Hotel Frankfort.

Submitted by: Stacy L. Pasche