

ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, June 07, 2023 @ 10:15am

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

The meeting was called to order at the Hotel Frankfort at 10:22 a.m. by Judy.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by ____/____ to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Steve Walton/Jay Peregrine to approve the May 2023 minutes with the correction of the following typo in the Treasurer's report: "Of our annual dues, \$510, only \$150 per member is available for our local Club's use, about \$7,500 for the ~~yet~~ *year.

Secretary's Report: As of June 07, 2023 the club has 58 active members and 3 honorary members.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

President's Report:

Judy presented a new member application from Brooke Sowa. Suzy Voltz is her sponsor. Steve Walton moved to approve Brooke for membership. Second by Tim Foster. Motion carried, unanimously.

Judy confirmed that honorary members cannot hold board positions. Pat would like to remain on the board and therefore declined honorary membership status. Bill Collin proposed that the club waive local dues and will cover all other required dues for Pat. Pat will pay the \$25.50 quarterly Rotary Foundation dues. Second by Steve Walton. Motion carried, unanimously.

The Periwinkle Garden Club sent a thank you note to the Club for our assistance in organizing volunteers for the Rotary Garden Clean up. Pat Storer has helped to organize volunteers for this event for many years and would like to hand this responsibility to another member.

Treasurer's Report:

Mitch provided an extensive financial report (report attached).

Mitch proposed we change our billing procedures to a fixed monthly amount (see "Proposed Revision 6/6/2023, page ?). He noted that our local dues are below the average of other clubs. We should consider increasing local club dues from \$150 to \$200. However, we are on the higher end in contributions overall (our club members total contributions are higher than average). If we raise dues, we will need to reinforce that assistance is available to anyone in need. No action taken.

Mitch also said that we make an annual \$5000 donation to the RI Foundation. RI matches this donation; however, the matching funds the club receives is less than what goes to RI. There is a bit of paperwork involved in this process and the club does not benefit. There was discussion about whether we should send RI Foundation less money and keep the remaining funds local. It was noted that those contributions are what make our club international and that is a large part of the mission of the club. No action taken.

All agreed that there is a need to simplify processes (dues, giving, etc.) and we should document those processes. This will aid with role/executive transitions as well.

Update: The reissued StormCloud check was received and deposited. Pat will work with Mitch to report and pay our 2022 Pints for Polio fundraiser proceeds to Rotary International (\$582 from StormCloud plus \$500 match from Frankfort Rotary Club).

The CD matured and is now in the general checking account. It was not worth renewing, as it would tie up the money and the interest earned was only roughly \$7.00.

Pat and Mitch continue to work on the 2022-2023 Community Impact Statement.

Reminders will be sent to all members that this quarter's dues and any late dues need to be paid ASAP. The Club's fiscal year ends June 30th and we will need to pay RI dues in July.

Mitch outlined the proposed budget for FY 2023-2024. Bill Collin moved to accept the budget as presented. Second by Peregrine. Motion carried, unanimously.

Jay Peregrine moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Second by Bill Collin. Motion carried, unanimously.

Administrator's Report:

Bill will attend the upcoming BACN meeting with Val Gerhart of Benzie Sunrise regarding their proposed assistance program. He will stress that his attendance does not mean we will participate in this program. We are unclear if this program meets grant criteria. At this stage, Gerhart is only soliciting funds for seed money for a program.

Some new members inquired about when to expect their dues invoice. Mitch clarified that a new member will not receive an invoice the first 3 months. There was discussion about how better to inform new members about what to expect regarding club procedures. There is a need for procedures to be simplified and documented.

There is concern that announcements are taking too long. Judy will remind members to keep announcements brief.

Paul Schwartz inquired about an open board seat as he would like to be more involved with the club. It was suggested that Paul could take over as Club Administrator when Bill becomes President. Bill will follow up with Paul.

Mithc Jaworski motioned to approve \$1000 for a new laptop with a longer battery life for the Club. Collin second. Motion carried, unanimously.

Membership:

N/A

Publicity:

N/A

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grants: (Remmert for Storrer)

Theater Door Grant Final Report- Pat will complete before deadline.

Bill Collin talked to City Superintendent Josh Mills regarding an outdoor drinking fountain near the trail. Josh suggested the fountain could go closer to Rotary park. The grant cycle is July 1 through October 15th. Bill Collin motioned to make an outdoor drinking fountain/water bottle filling station for the 2023 grant project. Second by Foster. Motion carried, unanimously.

Youth Services:

No updates

Centennial Celebration:

Ned Edwards has provided Tim with the information on updating the names of the presidents on the plaque. Dale has agreed to be on a committee for the 100th anniversary celebration, and we will be recruiting one other person for this.

The Willoughby Foundation alumni recipients will be recognized during the 100th celebration as well.

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:

None

Motion to adjourn made by Tim Foster, second by Peregrine. Motion carried. **Meeting Adjourned at 11:23 a.m.**

Next meeting: Wed, July 12, 2023 at 10:15 a.m. at the Hotel Frankfort.

Submitted by: Stacy L. Pasche