

ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, April 12, 2023 @ 10:15am

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

The meeting was called to order at the Hotel Frankfort at 10:43 a.m. by Judy.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Jay Peregrine / Tim Foster to approve the March 2023 minutes.

Secretary's Report: None

BUSINESS ITEMS:

President's Report:

Letters received from BACN:

- Thanking Frankfort Rotary for \$4,000 contribution received 2/18/23 towards the Ice Control Equipment.
- Thanking Frankfort Rotary for \$710 in cash donations and listed collected clothing items for the 10th Annual Winter Warmth. The letter listed items by type, including 156 pair of socks. The \$710 bought coats for 4 adults and 3 children.

Rotarian Dues for 2023/24 will be included in the 2023/24 budget.

Martha Tremblay has resigned.

Jeff Hessler has brought his dues up-to-date. Steve will ask Jeff whether he wants to retain his Rotary membership.

New members:

- Pat Storrer moved/Jay Peregrine supported motion to approve Nancy Reid (sponsor Jon Armstrong) and Michael Tarkington and Jo-Ann Tarkington (sponsor Tim Foster) for active membership of the Frankfort Rotary Club, all three having met meeting attendance requirements. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4/12/23 Email for new member approval: Judy Remmert moved, via her 4/12/23 email, that Tamara Hoffbauer, having met meeting attendance requirements, be approved for Active membership of the Frankfort Rotary Club. Motion passed unanimously via Board member emails.
- All four will be inducted at the 5/10/23 Club Assembly.

2023 Golf Outing: Jay moved and Tim Foster supported motion to approve in principle the Saturday August 19th, 2023 Golt Outing Fundraiser, as presented by Willoughby-Rotary Foundation Chair Al Luedtke, for a projected net income of \$23,200.

There is a proposed Holiday Party with Benzie Sunrise for Tuesday, December 19, 2023. Cost for the room rental is \$250. Motion by Jay to approve the cost using the general fund. Second by Tim. Motion passed, unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was moved/seconded (don't know who), to accept year-to-date Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss financial reports for Financial Year to date as at 3/31/23. Motion passed unanimously.

Mitch has no record of income from the Pints for Polio fundraiser and wonders if the funds went to Willoughby. Pat and Mitch will discuss at a later date. .

The club has a \$5000 CD coming due May 3rd. Mitch will have the bank put the funds into the general account when it expires. Bill suggested we move those funds somewhere else with a higher yield, perhaps a Money Market account for easier access

Mitch and Bill are still working on updating budget reports.

Administrator's Report: Bill is loaning the club his Mac Book until we decide to replace the aging laptop the club owns. There have been several issues with equipment lately and swapping the laptop will help us to troubleshoot.

Publicity: The club received a solicitation to place an advertisement in the Betsie Current. The return on investment did not seem reasonable. Jay will see if there is an opportunity to work with the Current on an article in the future, rather than an ad.

The Garden Theater ad renewal is coming.

Bill mentioned the Chamber is moving near the M22/M115 intersection and perhaps that would be a place for a new Rotary sign.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grants:

Stacy outlined a proposed outdoor Drinking Fountain project, for an estimated \$8,000 cost. Pat confirmed that a drinking fountain would likely qualify for a district grant – the reason being that such a project has a defined cost and timeframe. Stacy also mentioned that the steps from the Library to the Trail are corroded and need replacement or repair. Bill said he would talk with City Superintendent Mills about this. Pat clarified that any project that is strictly Frankfort would likely not attract Benzie Sunrise participation and would be a non-collaborative District Local Grant – for which the maximum we can apply is \$2,500, for a budget of \$5,000. Funding above that would need to be raised in the community. We should continue to solicit new project ideas.

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

Youth Services:

John Grix said Bayside Printing is handling the Main Street banners celebrating FHS Seniors this year. The Rotary logo will be bigger than last year. Which logo to use was discussed, but John will decide what looks best. Bayside quoted roughly \$450 total cost.

Centennial Celebration: Tim is still working on the updates for the President's plaque. Tim would like to have the club give each member a commemorative pin for the Centennial.

Tim has touched base with Jim Ryan so that the Willoughby 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: Old club apparel (with the old logo) that is in storage will be moved to a “donation table” once the hotel construction in the meeting room is complete.

New Business: There is some confusion about the legal tax status of the club (501c4 or 501c7) that will need to be cleared.

Motion to Adjourn: Bill Collin/Jay Peregrine.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

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

Submitted by: Stacy L. Pasche