

## **ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN**

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, August 9, 2023 @ 10:15am

PRESENT: Dale Charters, Bill Collin, Tim Foster, Mitch Jaworski, Stacy Pasche, Jay Peregrine, Mary Ann Short, Pat Storrer (remote) ABSENT: Amy Plumstead, Judy Remmert, Paul Schwartz, Steve Walton  
GUESTS: District Governor Jeff Coil

The meeting was called to order at the Hotel Frankfort at 10:30 a.m. by Bill.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Peregrine/Foster to approve the agenda as is.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Short/Peregrine to approve the July 2023 minutes with the following corrections: Correction of spelling of Julie Schumaker's name & clarification that our *participation* in the RYE program is suspended (the RYE program is not suspended- just our participation).

**Secretary's Report:** As of 8/10, 63 total members. 59 Active and 4 Honorary. Jeff Coil commented on the healthy size of our club given our population size.

**Treasurer's Report:** *See financial reports.*

Continued discussion from last month regarding increasing local dues and moving to a quarterly dues invoice system where members would be invoiced the same amount each billing term. Motion by Charters/Foster to adjust quarterly dues to \$140. Motion passed, unanimously. Mitch said he will provide a breakdown of the member invoices at the next meeting. He will present this information to the Club as well. Total cost to members (RI & Local dues & Foundation) will total \$560 annually.

There was a question as to why the Happy Notes Fund is categorized as a liability and not equity. Mitch said because it is money we have collected for a general purpose, so it could be used at any time. In other words, we can't count on it to be there.

Mitch confirmed he has not received the Rotary International dues invoice from Bill sent him last week. They will follow up with each other. *Update per Mitch: RI dues were paid 8/2/2023*

### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**President's Report:** Bill provided Dist. Gov. Coil an overview of our current grant goal of a water fountain near the Frankfort Betsie Valley Trailhead. Bill has reached out to Jim Gribble, exec director of the BVT and their initial response was that of concern as to who will maintain the fountains once installed.

Bill would like the club to resurrect the home tour, but possibly on a larger scale. There is potential to partner with the local Chamber of Commerce (Frankfort & Benzie). Builders can help promote and the Club can assist with volunteers. If done at that level, we could theoretically raise \$50,000 or more. Pat suggested we speak with Julie Bankston or Bev Viilo, as they were involved in the POMH home tour.

**Administrator's Report:** *N/A*

**Membership:** *N/A*

**Publicity:** The Garden Theater ad was renewed for 6 months. Jeff Coil confirmed we can certainly use publicity grants for theater ads. He also mentioned that there is more money for publicity grants than is requested. We are strongly encouraged to apply for these funds.

The social event at Bellows Park was a success despite the weather. We should consider using the space again for the summer social events.

**Grants:** The Memorandum of Understanding which is required in order to apply for Rotary Foundation grants has been signed. Stacy has the original and will scan and upload to the Member area of ClubRunner.

The grant application cycle runs July 1st through October 15, 2023.

**Youth Services:** N/A

**Centennial Celebration:** The club's charter date has been confirmed to be February 4, 1924. Tim has assembled a Centennial Celebration planning committee. They will begin meeting in September.

**Old Business:** N/A

**New Business:** District Gov. Jeff Coil addressed the board. He said "if he gave grades to clubs, we would receive all A's." A few things he noted:

- 88% of our membership gives to the Rotary Foundation
- Our club giving is \$123 per capita. There are clubs with larger populations but only 30% of membership contributes.
- He recommends we encourage members to "get out of our shell" and attend a District or RI meeting.

Based on his comments, the board thought it is time for a member survey. We have not surveyed the club since 2021.

Motion to adjourn made by Peregrine/Charters. Motion carried. **Meeting Adjourned at 11:29 a.m.**

Next meeting: Wed, September 13, 2023 at 10:15 a.m. at the Hotel Frankfort.

*Submitted by: Stacy L. Pasche*