

ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, September 21, 2022, 10:30am

PRESENT: Bill Collin (arrived late), Stacy Pasche, Jay Peregrine, Judy Remmert, Pat Storrer (remote), Tim Foster, Amy Plumstead (remote), Steve Walton. Guests: Mary Ann Short

ABSENT: John Grix, Mitch Jaworski,

The meeting was called to order at the Hotel Frankfort at 10:35 a.m. by Judy Remmert.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Jay Peregrine/Tim Foster to approve the minutes for August 10, 2022 as written. Motion carried, unanimous.

Secretary's Report: Stacy Pasche reported 56 total members (3 Honorary/53 Active). The Club's annual filing with the state of Michigan Corporations Division (LARA) was filed online September 16, 2022

BUSINESS ITEMS:

President's Report:

The club received a thank you note from Olivia Bailey, a Rotary scholarship recipient. She mentioned that the scholarship money had not arrived yet. Judy passed the information to Al Luedtke who will follow up with Bailey..

The club was contacted by TC Rotarian Alan Long regarding his "Wheels of Hope" program. He would like to present to the club on his program (more info needed.) We thought it would be a nice presentation if he could limit it to 10 minutes or less (during announcements). More information was needed as to what his time frame for fundraising is.

Treasurer's Report: Judy gave Mitch's Treasurer's report

The club's dues were late because we tried to pay by credit card and they do not take plastic. We sent a check but it arrived late. No penalty.

Club finances are in good shape. There is one outstanding invoice for the Rotary hats that were ordered for Ironman, but arrived after the promised date. The vendor said we could purchase for a discounted rate or send them back. Mitch is negotiating a new invoice with the vendor.

Judy reported on the Sandwich fundraiser. Despite best efforts, only 50 sandwiches were sold at a loss of \$1536.23. The board felt it important to note that although sales were not what we had hoped, Julie Schumaker's efforts and willingness to try something new should be commended.

Unrelated to the sandwich sale, there was a donation to the club for roughly the same amount as the sandwich losses. It was suggested those funds go to the youth programs, but nothing firm was decided.

Administrator's Report: Bill has the Paul Harris award and pin for our latest recipient. He will be sure to have on hand when the recipient is present at a meeting. Pat clarified Paul Harris certificate is separate from the medal.

Attendance has been around 50%. Bill said that Mike McCarthy has been very helpful with the remote applications of the meeting. He would like Mike to handle the technical duties of the meeting more often if he is willing.

Bill gave an update on new nametags. Stacy will get something before the next board meeting.

Membership Report: Steve Walton reported that Scott Harrison is bringing Tim Jones to today's (9/21/2022) meeting. Tim is interested in joining. Jim McMillan is another potential member. Mitch is still crafting a termination letter for the 2 delinquent members. Stacy asked if there was a process to remove a member from the roster that the Secretary should be aware of. Judy will confirm with Mitch, but it should be automatic when Mitch makes the update.

Publicity Report: Jay provided an update on the land in front of Graceland Fruit where we used to have a Rotary Wheel. It is maintained by the Periwinkle Garden Club. He will reach out to see if they are willing to help us get a new Wheel in the park. That particular piece of land is known as "Wild Garden." Pat updated on the Garden Theater Door grant reports. The interim report is due 10/15/2022, with the final report due date flexible. She would like to include a picture of people going through the doors at the upcoming Frankfort Film Festival.

Committee Reports:

Grants: Storrer

GTRCF Scholarship Grant (\$3000) - status

022 Club Grant Status: \$3,000 Grant application has been sent to GTRCF. The recipient is the Willoughby-Rotary Foundation for the purpose of Scholarships. The list of 2022 WRF scholarship awards was included with application as proof of the Match. Pat indicated this grant will be awarded about mid-December.

District Grant - status

Pat reported on a possible 2022 District Local Grant with the Sunrise Club for a Boiler system for snow removal at BACN. This system would drastically reduce costs of snow and ice removal by significantly reducing salt usage. It will improve safety by preventing ice build-up. It will reduce wear-and-tear on entry-way floor coverings from salt and sand imported by foot traffic. This is the same system as used by neighboring Crystal Mountain, whose owner is a committed environmentalist and who recommended this system to BACN.

This grant has certain eligibility requirements, most of which have been met:

- Memorandum of Understanding – completed
- Grant Management Seminar – completed
- All RI and District Dues up-to-date – completed
- Met Rotary Foundation Annual Fund per-capita requirement with \$118 per-capita donations.
- Report for 2021/22 Grant – in progress, will be complete before due 10/15/22 due date

There was a motion by Pat Storrer to approve the Frankfort Rotary Club support the Benzie Sunrise Rotary Club in its 2022/2023 District Local Grant application for the "Benzie Area Christian Neighbors Boiler System for Snow and Ice Removal" project, for a District Local Matching Grant of \$3,500 per Club for a combined \$7,000 District Match, and that this Club commit to the sum of \$500 plus an amount equal to the District Local Grant award divided by two. Second by Bill Collin. Motion passed unanimously.

Youth Services:

STRIVE Program Updates: The STRIVE program is in need of volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Name Tags: Still a work in progress. Should have something selected before the next board meeting.

Speaker Gifts: Judy has ordered custom Rotary cards to be used for speaker gifts.

10th Annual Winter Warmth Drive for BACN (Storrer). This event is already approved and Pat has the details under control.

NEW BUSINESS:

FEAS PE Program Equipment

Mary Ann Short proposed the club help fund new PE equipment for the Elementary School. Pat suggested this would be eligible for (and perfect for) a District Local grant. This is a matching grant with a maximum amount of \$2500 (minimum \$500)

Meeting Adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Motion: Bill Collin/Jay Peregrine

Next meeting: Wed, October 12, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at the Hotel Frankfort.

Submitted by: Stacy L. Pasche