

## ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, December 11, 2024

Board Members: \_x\_Dale Charters (remote), \_x\_Bill Collin, \_x\_Tim Foster, \_x\_Mitch Jaworski, \_x\_Stacy Pasche, \_x\_Jay Peregrine, \_\_Amy Plumstead, \_\_\_Judy Remmert, \_x\_Pat Storrer (remote), \_x\_Steve Walton GUESTS: none

**Call to Order:** 10:23 am by Foster

**Agenda:** Approved SW/JP

**Minutes:** Approved (JP/BC) with the following change:

- Under the Grants Report, change “GTRCF grant” to “GTRCF club grant” to distinguish from GTRCF matching grants.

**Secretary’s Report:** Pasche

- 53 active members, 5 honorary (total 58)
- There are 3 prospective new members but we will not add any new members to the roster until after the first of the year.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Jaworski

- Mitch distributed an Income and Expense Report (attached)
- Jay requested a monthly or quarterly report detailing our upcoming expenses/liabilities for restricted or designated funds.
- Stacy suggested she could look into whether or not the club would be eligible for software donations through TechSoup.org. If so, the club could switch to Quickbooks online for only \$80 annually. The online version of Quickbooks would provide read only access for other board members to the club’s ledger. This would also provide better transparency for club finances.
- The club now has a Venmo business account, set up by Mitch and Mike McCarthy. It is associated with a separate club bank account that is separate from the general account. Venmo takes 3% of each transaction, so it isn’t ideal but it is necessary for selling Burger Battle tickets and we anticipate we will continue to need in the future.

**President’s Report:** Foster

- The slate of officers still has a vacancy for President nominee (2027/2028). We can proceed with the election of officers even with a vacancy.
- Discussion regarding adding more members to the board. There doesn’t seem to be an immediate need unless there are interested members wanting to be more engaged/active within the club, or current board members wanting to step down. Other things to consider:
  - Do our by-laws state how many board members we should have?
  - Does RI have guidelines/suggestions for board size for a club of our size?
  - Should there be attendance requirements for board members?
- The joint holiday party with the Sunrise club is December ???. Tim would like to recognize Julie for all of her work for youth services. Bill agreed to pick up wine and flowers for Julie as part of the recognition. He also has Paul Haris pins for Bruce Ogilve and Ed Schindler. Tim will check with Val Gerhart of Sunrise to see if those members have RSVPd for the dinner.

**Membership Report: Walton**

- Bill Kennis' application is MIA. Bill Collin moved to approve Kennis' membership pending receipt of his application. Motion second by Pat Storrer. Motion passed, unanimously.
- Discussion regarding making club membership applications available online.
- Ruth Paris and Bill Fisk have submitted applications. Club by-laws stipulate that all applicants must attend a minimum of 3 meetings before membership can be approved. Bill and Ruth's sponsors should reach out to Ruth and Bill and let Tim know if they have fulfilled this requirement.

**Administrator's Report:**

- Bill has been filling in as Administrator but we need someone to take over admin duties ASAP.

**Publicity Report: Peregrine**

- The Garden Theater ads are still showing
- There was a request to place newspaper ads to invite the public to our meetings. Newspaper ads are quite expensive and there was doubt we would see a proper ROI. Sending an event announcement to the paper for their events page is free. Discussion: are club meetings open to the public? Traditionally, someone needs to be invited by a member (vs. open invitation in the newspaper). Is this practice outdated?  
Bill Colin made a motion to not spend club funds on weekly meeting notice/ad in the local paper. Second by ?. Motion passed.

**Grants Report: Storrer**

- Club Grant: \$3000 has been received by Willoughby/Rotary Foundation from Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation, designated for scholarships.

**Individual Rotarian Match Program:**

- For December 2024 cycle, reported to GTRCF on 12/4/24: Frankfort Rotarian donations \$5,560, GTRCF match \$4,810, local charities benefit by \$10,370.
- History: for June 2024 cycle, Frankfort Rotarian donations \$1,790, GTRCF match \$1,790, local charities benefit by \$3,580.
  - This is a calendar year program, independent of Rotary's July/June year.
- For calendar year 2024, Frankfort Rotarian donations \$7,350, GTRCF match \$6,600, local charities benefit by \$13,950.
- Much of these funding goes to our own Willoughby-Rotary Foundation for Scholarships.

**Youth/Education Services:**

- Stacy will reach out to Julie Schumaker re: the club's involvement with the Scholastic Book Fair at FEAS so she can plan on this cost in her youth services budget. The school is always in need of volunteers during book fair week as well.
- Mary Ann Short is no longer on the board, so either Julie or someone from her committee should provide this report monthly.

**Old Business: None****New Business:**

- Marshall Bell requested the club work with Benzie Bus on a prescription delivery program since there is no longer a pharmacy in Frankfort. The Benzie Bus already provides this service, so Tim will ask Marshall to clarify his proposal.

- Lunch! Several members have reached out to Tim regarding lunch options for meetings. The club stopped providing lunch during COVID and the hotel does not have a food option on Wednesdays.
  - Encourages greet and chat time
  - Pizza on board meeting days provided by the club and ask for donations

**Adjournment:** Jaworski/Colin at 11:44 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** January 8, 2025  
10:15am at Hotel Frankfort.  
*Submitted by: Stacy Pasche*

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