

ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, February 8, 2023 @ 10:15am

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

The meeting was called to order at the Hotel Frankfort at 10:15 a.m. by Judy Remmert.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Tim Foster to approve the December 2022 & January 2023 minutes.

Secretary's Report- Stacy Pasche: Membership report generated by ClubRunner. 53 Active members and 3 honorary members. In January, there were 2 members added and 1 termination.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

President's Report: Dale Charters has volunteered to be our President Nominee (President 2025-2026).

Tim Jones' induction is scheduled for February 15th.

The promotional photo for the 2022 District Grant for BACN was taken with representatives from BACN, Sunrise Rotary, plus Judy and Bill.

Judy reported that Pat Storrer is reviewing the club's by-laws to confirm they are district compliant. In addition to the by-laws, she will confirm that our club reporting meets Rotary International and District standards.

Judy has received several donation requests from area non-profits. The board felt it best to table all "good works" donations until we have a board approved budget and more clear parameters on what qualifies as good works.

Julie Schumaker is working to organize a sponsoring party for the humanitarian organization Welcome.US. Welcome.US supports everyday Americans in welcoming Ukrainian refugees into their community. Sponsoring parties help families get settled into a new home, enroll children in school, apply for healthcare benefits and food assistance, find a job, and provide personal support with acclimating to a new home. While this is a noble effort and we applaud Julie's efforts, it is too large a project for the club to take on at this time. Judy will follow up with Julie regarding her usage of her Rotary Club titles in her personal email signature. There is concern that people may confuse her personal endeavors as a Rotary project.

Treasurer's Report: At the January meeting, Mitch stated there was an error on the balance sheet and that the CD at State Savings Bank is \$3000 (not \$5000). At this meeting, Mitch confirmed that the CD amount on the January report was actually correct and it is \$5000.

There have been several requests to see a club budget. Currently, the treasurer provides quarterly financial reports, but the board does not set an annual budget. There is some confusion as to what budget template should be used. Bill will work with Mitch on budget development, and confirm exactly what we need to submit to the District. After discussion, it was determined there are two separate reports needed; 1) a board approved annual budget for the club, and 2) an impact report that states the financial impact the club as a whole has made. This would include a summary of matching funds, Willoughby grants, and volunteer hours

(Pat has created this report in the past). It was suggested we have the budget ready for approval by June 2023.

Mitch is handling an issue with a member who is not paying their dues. The same member has a history of not paying and the board may need to decide whether or not to follow through with terminating the member.

Administrator's Report: The proposed Postsecondary Education Fund program proposed by Val Gerhart (Benzie Sunrise) was turned down by our club and BACN. Neither felt it fit with organizational mission and grant criteria.

Update on putting job descriptions into Club Runner- still pending.

Publicity: Publicity is complete for the Garden Theater Doors. Pat will submit the final report to the district before the deadline in June.

It was suggested we add our club meetings to the local events column in the Record Patriot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grants: The next grant cycle is July 1-Oct 15, 2023. Ideas for a new project are welcome. Bill suggested a filtered water station/drinking fountain in downtown Frankfort, near the trail. Jay would like to consider the publicity grant again to cover the cost of the Garden Theater ads.

Youth Services: *Remmert for Julie Schumacher*

The board approved a \$100 donation for the Interact Club in honor of their solar efforts. The donation was doubled the day the Interact students attended the club meeting.

Julie requested \$500 for the Career Expo speaker's fee. This is a shared cost with Benzie Sunrise and benefits both FHS and BC students. Bill Collin made a motion to approve the request. Second by Jaworski. Motion passed, unanimously.

Centennial Celebration: Tim is working on the updates for the President's plaque.

The Garden Theater ads that are currently running can be updated to a Centennial ad at any time.

Tim spoke with Josh Mills about putting up a Centennial sign near the welcome signs located on M-22 north and the corner of M-22/M-115. Josh said it is no trouble to put a sign or banner up.

There was a discussion about whether or not we should have apparel made for the Centennial. We still have club apparel that we can't seem to give away. The board was in agreement that there is probably a better use of funds to get the word out. We already have banners printed for the July 4th parade. Tim will look into the possibility of getting some street banners.

Tim found the club was chartered in December 1923 and was made official by Rotary International in January of 1924.

Old Business: Someone is still needed to take over the Winter Warmth Drive.

There was a brief discussion about what to do with old club apparel (with the old logo) that is in storage. No action was taken.

New Business: Geri VanAntwerp is retiring from BACN. We have partnered with BACN on several projects and the board felt we should formally recognize Geri's contributions to the community. It was decided that we will give flowers when she attends an upcoming board meeting.

Stacy mentioned that the Willoughby grants committee is working on a Centennial project of their own and that Tim should touch base with Jim Ryan ASAP so that the messaging and marketing is consistent. The Willoughby committee wanted to celebrate the scholarships given over the past several years by highlighting past recipients and their accomplishments since receiving scholarships.

Tabled

Equity/Diversity – opening Christian prayer – should this be expanded to general 'devotional' instead?

Motion: Jay Peregrin/Tim Foster to adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Next meeting: Wed, March 8, 2023 at 10:15 a.m. at the Hotel Frankfort.

Submitted by: Stacy L. Pasche