

ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, February 7, 2023 @ 10:15am

Board Members: Dale Charters, Bill Collin, Tim Foster, Mitch Jaworski, Stacy Pasche, Jay Peregrine, Amy Plumstead, Judy Remmert, Mary Ann Short, Pat Storrer, Steve Walton

GUESTS: None

Call to Order: 10:22 am by Collin

Agenda: Remmert/Foster. Approved.

Minutes: Short/Jaworski. Approved

Secretary's Report:

- 58 active members, 4 honorary. 62 members total. Bill confirmed that Paul Swartz is stepping down as club admin but is still a member of the club.

Treasurer's Report: Jaworski

- Stormcloud has yet to pay their portion of the Pints for Polio fundraiser. Bill will follow up with Rick.
- We did receive the \$2100 District matching grant check (it was mailed to Dale).
- International dues have been paid.
- Our balance is roughly \$5,000. Overall, things are looking good for the club.

President's Report: Collin

- Bill purchased a prepaid mobile phone to set up a Venmo account for the club. This will be helpful for the Burger Battle fundraiser as well as happy notes, dues, etc.

Administrator's Report: Collin

- Bill has asked new member Kristi Johnson to serve as club administrator.

Membership Report: Walton absent

- Remmert stated we need someone to sponsor Jackie Luedtke for membership. Everyone wanted to, so left it with whoever gets to her first.
- Remmert mentioned that Mike McCarthy reached out to Kate Hallet from Goody's Market and she is interested in joining.

Publicity Report: Peregrine

- Jay and Tim are gathering photos and old documents for a presentation. Jay and Maryann will provide a presentation to the Centennial Committee in March 2024.

Grants Report: Charters

- \$2100 grant received from the district for Rotary Park Beautification project. Dale is hoping to get matching funds from the DDA or City for this project.
- There was a lengthy discussion about creating a long-term plan to invest Rotary time, treasures and talent to projects all along the Main St. corridor from City Hall to the Boat Launch. Ideas included:
 - ADA compatible playground equipment
 - An asphalt track around the playground
 - Story Walk from the Library Harmony Garden to the Playground
 - Working with the Tree Board and Periwinkle Garden Club for landscaping opportunities
 - Adding a Rotary Wheel to the bike racks the club donated in 2017

Youth/Education Services: Short

- Mary Ann is training volunteers at the elementary school in her Mobbi exercises on Wednesday mornings at 9:15. Volunteers can then do these exercises with the students to help them focus prior to their volunteer time together.

Centennial Celebration: Foster

- Benzie Area Historical Society's Rotary 100th Anniversary Program is scheduled for September 12th at the Mills House. Time tbd.
- Tim confirmed the Centennial Celebration party will also be Thursday, September 12th. After discussion about possible venues, Mary Ann Short made a motion to select the Elberta Life Saving Station for the venue. JP/DC - approved unanimously.
- Budget for the celebration is estimated at \$2500-\$5000. We should consider selling tickets to the event.
- Discussion about whether to cater the event or have a food truck available. The feeling was that as a celebration, the work should be hired so that club members are free to enjoy themselves.
- Dale will draft a "Save the Date" letter for the club and friends of the club.

New Business:

- Mike Tarkington expressed interest in building a float for the July 4th parade. Tim is concerned we won't be able to get enough volunteers, as participation in the parade has been low the past several years. It was suggested that Mike talk to the Interact Club and see if the Youth Services Committee wanted to take this on.
- ~~Kathy Hegedus is stepping down as District CAO and Val Gerhart will assume PETS training responsibilities in the interim.~~

Adjournment: Charters/Short at 11:28 a.m.

Next Meeting: March 6, 2024. 10:15am at Hotel Frankfort.

Submitted by: Stacy Pasche