

ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, January 11, 2023 @ 10:30am

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

The meeting was called to order at the Hotel Frankfort at 10:31 a.m. by Judy Remmert.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Jay Peregrine/Bill Collin to approve the agenda with changes to the Youth Services item.

Approval of Minutes: The board did not receive copies of the December minutes prior to the meeting, so approval was tabled for the February meeting.

Secretary's Report- Stacy Pasche: Membership report generated by ClubRunner. 53 Active members and two 2 member applications (Jones and Loop) pending. Stacy confirmed the member that was terminated is officially off the RI roles.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

President's Report: Tim Jones and Nate Loop were presented for membership. Scott Harrison is the sponsor for each. Motion by Bill Collin to approve membership of Tim and Nate. Second by Tim Foster. Motion carried, unanimously. They will be inducted at different meetings in the coming weeks.

There is still a vacancy for 2025-2026 President. Judy will ask for volunteers for this position. She will also ask for volunteer(s) interested in taking over the Winter Warmth Drive.

Treasurer's Report: The Club collected \$710 in cash for the Winter Warmth Drive, as well as several items of clothing. Kelly at BACN will send a publicity report listing the entire donation (cash and clothing), as well as photos.

Last year, individual contributions plus matching funds totalled \$9300 raised/given by members. Since these funds are not reflected in club financial reports, it is still important to acknowledge the contributions and their impact on the community. Mitch mentioned that there is opportunity to raise even more money because not every member is taking advantage of the Rotary Charities match.

The Club has \$2600 of "Happy Notes" revenue that has amassed over the past two years. These funds, although not restricted, are intended for small donations or "good works." For example, the Interact Club donation in support of their solar efforts.

Mitch stated there is an error on the balance sheet and that the CD at State Savings Bank is \$3000 (not \$5000). Overall, the club has enough to cover upcoming expenses.

Administrator's Report: Bill had a meeting with BACN and Benzie Sunrise member/District AG Val Gerhardt. Val is proposing a financial assistance program for individuals needing help to finish a degree or trade school. Bill let her know that our club will not commit funds to anything without a more formal proposal that included more detail on how a program like this would be administered. There is also concern there is no end date for this program, so it is ineligible for Rotary grants. BACN voiced concern that it may not fall under the scope of their mission and services.

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

Publicity: We are not going to pursue the publicity grant. The deadline has passed.

Jay and Tim will work on the Frankfort sign updates. Stacy can no longer assist on this project due to time restraints. Several entities (Graceland, DDA, Periwinkle Garden Club, and the City) are involved with the park on the corner of M22/M115, so how to approach this project is a little nebulous. The end goal is to improve the Rotary sign visibility to those entering the City.

Recognition of Garden Theater doors – press release is pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grants: Pat reported that the District Grant is complete. We are just waiting on the final invoice.

Youth Services: Remmert for Julie Schumacher

At the December meeting, Julie Schumacher proposed a budget for youth services for 2023 totalling \$3,550. Since Mitch was gone (no budget), there was no action taken. At this time, the board felt breaking the budget into smaller requests (rather than approve the entire budget at one time) would be more appropriate. Two requests were discussed, Life Leadership Conference Registration and \$500 for Top Ten Student recognition.

Recruitment for the Life Leadership Conference begins in February. Registration for 2 students is roughly \$800. Pat Storrer made a motion to approve \$800 for Life Leadership Conference registration. Second by Mitch Jaworski. Motion carried, unanimously.

Jay Peregrine moved to approve \$500 for Top Ten Student recognition. Second by Tim Foster. Motion carried, unanimously. Although not yet determined, these funds are used for banners on Main Street that include the student's picture, as well as the Rotary Logo.

There was discussion about granting money for the Career Expo speaker. This was tabled since we don't have the speaker fees and the club felt we should consider splitting these costs evenly with Benzie Sunrise. Funds for a 2024 service trip to El Salvador for the Interact Club was also tabled. No local students made this trip in 2022 and at this point no one is anticipated for 2023. Should that change, we will reconsider.

Centennial Celebration: Tim stated there is no budget for the Centennial Celebration. Judy asked Tim to figure out his needs and to come up with a proposal.

There was a brief discussion as to whether or not to use the Centennial as a reason to update our rack cards and printed material. The consensus was if no one takes the printed material, why print more. We should use money on more effective marketing and communication.

Old Business:

Tabled due to time

New Business:

Judy suggested we start the board meeting earlier as it seems we are running out of time at each meeting. Meetings will now be the second Wednesday of the month at 10:15 a.m.

Tabled

By-Law Review – who, what, when

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

Motion: Bill Collin/Mitch Jaworski to adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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

Submitted by: Stacy L. Pasche