

ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, January 8, 2025

Board Members: _x_Dale Charters, _x_Bill Collin, _x_Tim Foster, _x_Mitch Jaworski, _x_Stacy Pasche, _x_Jay Peregrine, _x_Amy Plumstead (remote), _x_Judy Remmert, __Pat Storrer (remote), __Steve Walton GUESTS: Julie Schumaker (@ 11 a.m.)

Call to Order: 10:24 am by Foster

Agenda: Approved BC/JP

Minutes: Approved (JR/JP)

Secretary's Report: Pasche

- 55 active members, 5 honorary (total 60)

Membership Report: Pasche (for Walton)

- Bill moved to accept Ruth Paris and Bill Fisk as members. Second by Pasche. Motion carried, unanimous. Stacy will reach out to Bill's sponsor (Suzy Volz) to see if they would like spousal membership status or individual.
- Bill Collin volunteered to
 - Get new member packets for Fisks, Kennis, & Paris.
 - Coordinate with the sponsors to set induction dates.
 - Create a sheet that outlines what the financial expectations of rotary members (dues and other misc. costs). Julie mentioned she had an old one from her previous club we can use as a template.
- Brenna Nugent has been named the new director of the Frankfort-Elberta Chamber and has attended club meetings with the intent to join. Bill will stop at the Chamber on his way out of town and drop an application. Stacy will email one to follow-up as well.

Treasurer's Report: Jaworski

- Mitch distributed a balance sheet as well as Statement of Operations. The Statement of Operations outlines fixed expenses to gauge what we have left for programs/misc. There was lengthy discussion regarding how best to provide reports for the club/board, as traditional accounting reports can be confusing without a finance background. We are grateful for Mitch and all of his work keeping the books! In summary- we have lots of cash but most of it is committed. We are solvent.
- Roughly \$3,000 still owed by members. The next billing is in February for approx. \$6,000.
- Only 501c3s are eligible for the non-profit price for Quickbooks online. Amy Plumstead confirmed only one EIN can be associated with the online account (so the club can't share with Willoughby). Bill and Mitch will check with the district to see what accounting software other clubs are using. A cloud based program would provide read only access for other board members to the club's ledger. This would also provide better transparency for club finances.

President's Report: Foster

- Almost caught up on distributing the Paul Harris awards.
- He is planning on going to PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) in March.

Administrator's Report: None

Publicity Report: Peregrine

- Jay will be a guest on Elberta's WUWU radio on January 9th at 10 a.m. He'll be talking about the Rotary Club and the history of the club

Grants Report: Storrer (provided via email)

- 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: Schumaker

- There is strong demand for Burger Battle cards and we are printing an additional 100 cards. The restaurants have enthusiastically supported the Burger Battle. Vita Bella has requested additional cards twice already and Dinghy's has also requested more cards. Cole is doing an awesome job in posting info about the Burger Battle on the club's FB and Instagram pages.
- Julie estimates card sales will exceed last year and we could expect \$8-9,000 in revenue. Great job Julie and her team!

Old Business: None

New Business:

- We had hoped to provide pizza the first Wednesday of the month; however, the Villa has been sold and is closed until spring. Bill Collin motioned the club provide lunch (pizza/sandwiches) once a month and ask for donations. Second by Charters. Motion passed, unanimously. Tim will work out food details with Jon Armstrong.

Adjournment: Foster/Colin at 11:41 a.m.

Next Meeting: February 5, 2025

10:15am at Hotel Frankfort.

Submitted by: Stacy Pasche