

ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, November 09, 2022, 10:30am

PRESENT: Bill Collin, Stacy Pasche (remote), Jay Peregrine, Mitch Jaworski, Judy Remmert, Pat Storrer (remote), Tim Foster, Steve Walton.

ABSENT: John Grix, Amy Plumstead GUESTS: None

The meeting was called to order at the Hotel Frankfort at 10:37 a.m. by Judy Remmert.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Jay Peregrine/Bill Collin to approve the agenda. Motion carried, unanimous.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Tim Foster/Steve Walton to approve the minutes for August 10, 2022 as written. Motion carried, unanimous.

Secretary's Report- Stacy Pasche: Membership report generated by ClubRunner. Attached.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

President's Report - Judy Remmert:

The Presidential plaque that has a listing of all club presidents is in need of an update. Judy is working with Ned Edwards to update the plaque, as he has done so in the past. It was briefly discussed that the update can be done as part of the club's upcoming Centennial celebration.

Judy received a few fundraiser requests from area non-profits: The Benzie Symphony Orchestra solicited an ad in their programs. The cost was \$125. The Club has a history of advertising in the BSO program, so Judy agreed to pay for an ad. There was a motion by Jay Peregrine to confirm/approve the purchase of the ad. Seconded by Bill Colin. Motion passed, unanimous.

The Benzie Area Historical Society sent their Annual Appeal letter. We have a good relationship with the BAHS and we want to continue that relationship. Bill Collin motioned to donate \$200 to the Benzie Area Historical Society's annual appeal. Second by Jay Peregrine. Motion passed, unanimous.

The Mills Community House requested a donation to their capital campaign. For \$100.00, the club can purchase a 4"x8" brick (with up to 4 lines of engraving and up to 21 characters per line) that will be used in their landscaping. Net proceeds from brick sales will be used for repairs and improvements to the Mills Community House. Steve Walton motioned to approve \$100 for a brick. Second by Jay Peregrine. Motion passed, unanimous. Jay will work with Judy on wording for the brick.

The proxy notification for the December General Meeting was sent to members on Nov 2, 2022. There is currently not a President-Nominee for 2025/2026. Pat suggested leaving it blank. Stacy agreed to generate a list of members who have not yet been president. RI has a February, 2023 deadline for this position to be named.

Treasurer's Report- Mitch Jaworski:

The Treasurer's Report will be given at the General Club meeting following today's Board Meeting. See attached financial reports. It should be noted that the statements show that receivables are substantially reduced, due to the timing of the report. The Club's financial position is good.

Mitch reported the Club has approximately \$7500 in discretionary funds annually, after payment of Rotary obligations and meeting-room fees. These funds are typically used for officer training and youth programs, but traditionally the club does not spend the entire \$7500.

There was a cash donation from a member to cover the shortfall of the Ironman fundraiser. As of the meeting, the club has not received the \$500 intended donation from the Ironman Foundation.

Administrator's Report- Bill Collin: A new podium that will better accommodate the tech equipment has been selected and purchased.

Membership Report- Steve Walton: Jim Ryan sponsored Paul Schwartz for membership and we received all of the paperwork. Pat Storer motioned to approve Paul's membership. Second by Tim Foster. Motion passed, unanimous. Paul's induction will occur in December after coordinating with Paul and his sponsor.

Scott Harrison is sponsoring Tim Jones and Nate Loop for membership. We should expect their applications soon.

There was a brief discussion about the pros and cons of waiting to add new members until after the first of the year for financial/billing reasons. The secretary was instructed to add members as soon as they are approved and inducted.

Publicity Report- Jay Peregrine: Suzy Voltz has offered to pay for a Garden Theater ad. Jay is finalizing a proof of the advertisement.

The Rotary Wheel sign at the M22/M115 'park,' near Graceland Fruit, is outdated. The Rotary Wheel is part of a larger sign that also contains signs for civic clubs that no longer exist in our area (Masons, for example). Jay will reach out to the landowner, the Periwinkle Garden Club (who oversees maintenance of the corner), and the City of Frankfort about updating the sign.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Grants - Pat Storrer: The local grant was submitted and the \$4000 check is due in January.

Mitch asked for clarification on a \$3000 check the club received from the Willoughby Foundation. He believes it is earmarked for something. He will follow up with Alan Luedtke.

Jay continues to work on the Public Image Grant.

Youth Services - reported by Judy Remmert:

STRIVE Program Updates: Unfortunately, there are not enough volunteers to pursue the STRIVE program effectively in Frankfort. There appears to be some renewed interest in the Exchange program, as the COVID hiatus of the program seems to be lifting. Stacy will reach out to Julie Schumaker regarding Exchange.

Centennial Celebration - Tim Foster/Bill Collin: Tim is communicating with Ned Edwards for ideas. It was noted that the Garden Theater is also celebrating 100 years and the Gateway Arch is celebrating 25 years.

OLD BUSINESS:

Winter Warmth Drive: Pat is looking for someone else to help with the drive. It used to have a committee but now she is doing the work solo. The drive is November 20th through December 7th. Jay will assist Pat with publicity.

Rotary Swag Storage: There are some t-shirts and hats leftover from the Ironman fundraiser. Club members may still purchase, but Judy does not have storage space at the hotel. Stacy offered to store it in the Library attic until we can distribute to members who want them.

NEW BUSINESS:

The proxy notice for the annual Election of Officers was sent November 2nd. The election will be approved at the December 7th General Meeting, then submitted into Board Minutes December 14th, 2022.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Motion: Jay Peregrine/Mitch Jaworski

Next meeting: Wed, December 14, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at the Hotel Frankfort.

Submitted by: Stacy L. Pasche