

ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, November 1, 2023 @ 10:15am

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

GUESTS: None

The meeting was called to order at the Hotel Frankfort at 10:20 a.m. by Collin.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Charters/Foster to approve the agenda with the following additions under New Business: District Gov. Application & Future Slate of Officers

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Short/Walton to approve the October 2023 minutes.

Secretary's Report: As of 11/1 the club has 63 members. 59 Active and 4 Honorary. 2 applications approved by the board via email, but not yet added to membership roster.

Treasurer's Report: There is a member that has been delinquent for several months. This has happened several times with this member. Mitch is going to send a letter asking to pay the dues by year end, or membership will be terminated.

President's Report: Bill distributed a draft resolution for the board to consider. The resolution was written by Julie Schumaker in support of her application for District Governor. No action taken at this time.

Administrator's Report: Paul will provide ClubRunner photo upload tutorials at the Nov. 8 club meeting.

Membership: Two new members will be inducted at the next club meeting (Nov. 8). Steve will see to it that the new member packets are ready and at the hotel.

Publicity: *See Old Business*

Dale mentioned that he attended the Career Fair for local high school students at Crystal Mountain. He was impressed with the large Rotarian turnout for the event and suggested that next year we have someone take some professional photos for our marketing.

Grants: Our Park Beautification grant has been submitted. Response is expected by Nov. 7th. Dale thanked everyone for all of their help and said the application was well received. Pat confirmed Dale is the primary contact for the grant.

Al Luedtke asked Pat to apply for a \$3000 GTRCF matching grant for the Willoughby Foundation. This is an annual request. We apply for the matching funds to go to a charity of our choice and our choice is the Willoughby Foundation. Pat explained that while we are able to choose other charities, we don't have to make up the match if we direct it to Willoughby. There is also a bit more work involved if we were to select another charity. Pat will apply before the Nov. 15th deadline.

Youth Services: After speaking with the 3rd grade teachers, the Dictionary project is no longer as essential as it had been. FEAS teacher Amy Robison said funds for the Book Fair for each 3rd grade student would be a better use of literacy funds. The Book Fair was October 18-20th at the Elementary School. The board voted via email to approve \$500 for books for 3rd grade students. Mitch dropped a check at the Elementary school. Each student received 2 books. Remaining funds (less than \$20) were

used to purchase a book for the Elementary school. Jay suggested we request a photo from the teachers.

Centennial Celebration: Benzie Area Historical Society (BAHS) asked Tim about providing a program on the Club's Centennial for the BAHS Lecture series. Tim cannot do the lecture as he is already on their schedule for a different program. After discussion, the board felt this is worth pursuing. Mary Ann and Jay will work on an outline for a presentation. Mary Ann agreed to head the lecture. Tim will schedule the lecture for September or October of 2024.

Mary Ann spoke with City Hall and learned that we would need a minimum of 10 banners @ \$40 each if we want to do a special banner for the Centennial. Paul will ask Graceland Fruit if we can put a banner on their building. The banner would be roughly the same size as Graceland used for their birthday celebration and we would like to keep it up for a minimum of 6 - 12 months.

Tim said there was an old Rotary banner in the basement of City Hall and it is now located at BAHS. He also has boxes of the old, white Rotary t-shirts. The shirts have the old logo and are no longer wanted by club members. Permission was granted to Tim to dispose of them.

Old Business:

Pints for Polio Recap. Jay does not have final numbers yet, as we are still waiting on amounts from the participating restaurants (Stormcloud and Cabbage Shed).

Winter Warmth Drive Updates: Jay would like Pat to send a reminder to the Club in her next email blast about the upcoming warmth drive. BACN has posted the event on social media, but the club has yet to do so. Winter Warmth Drive dates are Nov. 29th through Dec. 6th.

Pat reminded everyone that notices for proxy ballots for the upcoming slate of officers need to be sent at least 30 days prior to the December meeting. Stacy confirmed she has the language needed for the notice and she will send it no later than the deadline of Nov. 13th.

New Business:

Fundraiser Proposal from Youth Services Committee (see attached). The board heard a proposal for a fundraiser from the Youth Services Committee. There was a brief discussion but no action taken at this time. Bill will follow up with the board via email discussion or at the next board meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Peregrine/Short. Motion carried. **Meeting Adjourned at 11:44 a.m.**

Next meeting: Wed, December 6, 2023 at 10:15 a.m. at the Hotel Frankfort.

Submitted by: Stacy L. Pasche