

ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, November 6, 2024

Board Members: __Dale Charters, _x_Bill Collin, _x_Tim Foster, _x_Mitch Jaworski, _x_Stacy Pasche, _x_Jay Peregrine, __Amy Plumstead, _x__Judy Remmert (remote), _x_Pat Storrer (remote), _x_Steve Walton GUESTS: Julie Schumaker

Call to Order: 10:25 am by Foster

Agenda: Approved with the following changes:

- New Business - set date for annual club meeting
- Move New Business to the top of the agenda since we have a guest

Minutes: Approved with the following change:

- Under the Grants Report, change "Rotary International Grant" to "GTRCF grant"

New Business:

- Burger Battle

Julie Schumaker presented details about the 2024-2025 Frankfort Burger Battle fundraiser.

- The Youth Services Committee has 8 vendors committed so far.
- Dates have not been confirmed but the contest will begin in January, with ticket sales beginning as early as the end of November.
- They will once again partner with the Interact Club. All ticket sales made by the INteract Club will be split 50/50 between Interact and FFR.
- Cole Schindler will manage the social media for this event/fundraiser. Julie Schumaker will send a press release to local papers, Chambers, etc.
- All costs associated with the fundraiser will be taken out of proceeds.
- Club members are not required to purchase tix, but are encouraged to sell 5 or more.
- At this time, we are only able to accept cash or check for ticket purchases.
- This year will have a veggie burger option.

Jay moved to approve the Burger Battle Fundraiser for 2024-2025. Second by Jaworski. Motion carried, unanimously.

- Succession Planning

- We have a vacancy for President Elect (2026-2027); however, JoAnn Holwerda may fill the slate. We also have a vacancy for Club Administrator. Bill has been filling in as interim but both positions require an individual who can attend meetings regularly. Jay said he would be willing to serve as President again as a fail safe.
- Pat confirmed we can still proceed with the annual meeting/officer vote even if there are empty spots on the slate.
- After brief discussion, Bill Collin motioned for the annual meeting to be held on December 11th. Second Storrer. Motion passed, unanimously. Stacy will send the Proxy notification as soon as possible. The notification must be sent at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Pasche

- 54 active members, 5 honorary (total 59), 1 application pending (R. Fisk).

Treasurer's Report: Jaworski

- Mitch distributed a balance sheet and Income and Expense Report.
- Roughly \$7000 in projected invoicing for Q2. We have a balance of roughly \$14,000 with \$10,000 of that committed. Jay asked if Mitch could provide a monthly report listing our financial commitments/encumbrance. Mitch agreed.
- There are 5 members currently delinquent with dues; however, the majority of delinquent dues are because of timing issues with the invoices. Several members have their employers cover the cost of dues, so delays in payment are to be expected.

President's Report: Foster

- Tim keeps promising the club pizza. Today is that day.
- Centennial Celebration
 - 35 people have registered for the Centennial Celebration dinner scheduled for next Tuesday at the Hotel. Pat is handling RSVPs with Judy.
 - The dinner ends the Centennial Commemoration for 2024; however, many people missed Jay and Tim's lecture on the history of the club. Since the lecture was not recorded, members have requested that Jay and Tim repeat their program as a club meeting lecture in the future.
 - Bill still needs to submit his out of pocket costs for the September Centennial event at the Garden (cake, drinks, flatware, etc.).
 - Since we canceled the Life Saving Station Venue so close to the cancellation deadline, we will let the Station keep the \$500 deposit as a goodwill donation.
- Pat is handling RSVPs for the Holiday Dinner with the Sunrise Club in December.

Membership Report: Walton

- As noted last month, Bill Kennis is joining the club as an individual member with the BWAC covering his dues. He will be given the club's Non-Profit rate. A membership application is still needed and the board needs to vote on his membership. Since last month, it was confirmed he is no longer an active member of the Sunrise Club, so it is not a transfer.
- Steve presented Renee Fisk's application for board approval. Collin moved to accept Renee as a club member. Second by Peregrine. Motion approved, unanimously. Welcome Renee!
- Jon Armstrong and Judy Remmert both have interested new members.

Administrator's Report: Foster

- Bill has been filling in as Administrator but we need someone to take over admin duties ASAP.

Publicity Report: Peregrine

- The Garden Theater ads are still showing
- Julie will coordinate Burger Battle publicity and will reach out to Jay if she needs assistance.
- Julie Schumaker asked if new members are getting swag in their welcome packets? Brief discussion was held about the best method for members to purchase new swag. Purchasing large orders and selling to members has not worked in the past, as it results in a lot of leftover, outdated merch. This was followed with Stacy telling Tim "for the love of all that is good and holy, please throw out the old white Rotary shirts!"

Grants Report: Storrer

- Dale submitted the District grant by the 10/15 deadline.
- Pat submitted the \$3000 GTRCF club grant (club grant, not Rotarian Individual match program).
- Pat asked Bill or Tim to remind members that individual matching grants are available and forms are available on the club website. It was suggested we have copies available at every meeting as well.

Youth/Education Services: Schumaker

- Julie provided us with a summary of this past week's Career Expo. Many thanks to the Rotarians that volunteered their time to help make it happen.
- The Scholastic Book Fair funds (\$500 each semester/\$1000 annually) that replaced the Dictionary project for the 3rd grade was never included in the initial youth services budget. For the next FY, Julie will include a line item for this project in her youth services budget.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: Foster/Colin at 11:32 a.m.

Next Meeting: December 4, 2024

10:15am at Hotel Frankfort.

Submitted by: Stacy Pasche