ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, October 4, 2023 @ 10:15am
Board Members: ___Dale Charters, _x_Bill Collin, _x_Tim Foster, _x_Mitch Jaworski, _x_Stacy Pasche, _x_Jay Peregrine, _x_Amy Plumstead, ___Judy Remmert, _x_Paul Schwartz, _x_Mary Ann Short, _x_Pat Storrer, _x_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 Peregrine/Short to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Jaworski/Peregrine to approve the September 2023 minutes the clarification that Scott Harrison's sponsored applicant is not a former Rotarian.

Secretary's Report: As of 10/3 the club has 63 members. 59 Active and 4 Honorary.

Treasurer's Report: Mitch received a concern from a member regarding the cost of the room rental. The board feels the meeting space rental fee is a fair price, especially given the lack of public meeting space in the community, as well as the fact that the hotel gives us a standing reservation for the space.

President's Report: The bottle filling project has been suspended for this grant cycle, as it is too complicated to complete before the grant application filing deadline. Bill is working with Pat, Dale, and Josh Mills on a beautification project for Rotary Park. Dale will have a draft grant proposal ready for the board's review by Wednesday, Oct. 11. Peregrine motioned to approve $2500 for the "Centennial Beautification of Rotary Park. Second by Short. Motion passed, unanimously.

Bill dropped off tent cards at Stormcloud and the Cabbage Shed for the Pints for Polio fundraiser. He will follow up with both venues to confirm if there is a donation button for the program on their POS system. There was discussion about how best to communicate the polio message to customers.

Administrator's Report: Discussion on how best to get club members to upload their photo to their Clubrunner profile. Paul will encourage members to upload their own photo if they can. For anyone wanting or needing assistance, Paul can take photos and help with uploading at the Nov. 8th meeting.

Bill asked Paul to assume the responsibility of sending the weekly zoom invites to the club. Paul will remind members to check their spam folders for Clubrunner messages.

Membership: Steve has received two new member applications. The board will review the applications and vote either at the next meeting or via email in the next week.

Nate Loop is dropping his membership due to a job change. Pat stressed the importance of keeping new members involved.

Publicity: Jay is working with the director at BACN to organize the Winter Warmth Drive.

Jay would like to have a professional photographer take some candid publicity photos of the club. High resolution photos are needed for the theater ads.

Grants: Bill and Dale are consulting with Pat for the District grant application, due October 15th.

Youth Services: Bill let Mary Ann know that Mike Tarkington is interested in helping with youth projects.

There was discussion about whether or not the Dictionary project is still relevant. Stacy will contact the 3rd grade teachers to let them know we would like to do a literacy project for their students and ask what their needs are.

Centennial Celebration: Mary Ann Short asked if the committee would look into light pole flags downtown for the commemoration. Paul will ask Graceland Fruit if they would be willing to let us put a banner on the M22 side of their building. The Centennial Committee meets after the club meeting this afternoon.

Old Business: Bill was disappointed with the low turnout of Rotarians volunteering at Pints for Polio this year. Next year, he hopes to have volunteers confirmed earlier.

New Business: Winter Warmth Drive dates have been set for the 1st Wed. after Thanksgiving through the following Wednesday (Nov. 29-Dec. 6).

Motion to adjourn made by Jaworski/Foster. Motion carried. **Meeting Adjourned at 11:34 a.m.**

Next meeting: Wed, November 1, 2023 at 10:15 a.m. at the Hotel Frankfort.
Submitted by: Stacy L. Pasche