

ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, October 2, 2024 @ ??

Board Members: Dale Charters, Bill Collin, Tim Foster, Mitch Jaworski, Stacy Pasche (arrived 10:22 a.m.), Jay Peregrine, Amy Plumstead, Judy Remmert (arrived 10:40 a.m.), Pat Storrer (remote), Steve Walton

GUESTS: Josh Mills

Call to Order: 10:20 am by Foster

Agenda: Approved with the following change to move Josh Mills's visit to the top of the agenda.

Minutes: N/A

President's Report: Foster with guest Mills

- Bill welcomed guest Josh Mills. Josh was invited to the meeting by Dale to discuss our project initiatives with the City parks.
 - Dale provided an update on the 2023-2024 district grant for upgrades to Rotary Park (drinking fountain and new solar lights). Dale priced a new drinking fountain for \$900. Josh asked him to confirm the price, as that was exceedingly low and should be closer to \$7,000-9,000.
 - Dale asked for Josh's input about finishing the walking/running path in Mineral Springs park. Josh said a project like that would be a minimum of \$100,000 and require more time than we have to develop a grant request for the 2024-2025 cycle. We should find a smaller project that is shovel ready. Stacy suggested the stairs at the end of the 7th street sidewalk (leading from the library to the trail). Josh said that would be a great fit for a project and he can get an updated bid from Jim Grabowski to fix the stairs. Jim already does a lot of work with the city. Motion by Dale to make the 2024-2025 district grant proposal to fix the 7th street sidewalk stairs. Second by Peregrine. Motion passed, unanimously.
 - Brief discussion regarding signage for the new stairs and upgrading signage in Rotary Park. Dale will research additional grant opportunities through Rotary, specifically the image?? Grant through RI??
 - Pat reminded Dale and Jay that if they are submitting the grant, they will need to complete the RI's grant training in order to be the AOR (Authorized Organization Representative) for the proposal. They also need to submit RI's Memorandum of Understanding signed by the President and the AOR. Grant proposals are due October 15th. Dale assured he has enough time to complete the application. He will send a copy of the completed application to Pat for her review.
 - Mitch asked Josh about power washing the park benches and if they could use volunteers for that. Josh said absolutely.
- Centennial wrap-up
 - While it wasn't what we initially envisioned, we could not be more pleased with the final turn out. We are still having the celebratory dinner at the hotel for club members. Tuesday, November 12, 2024 @ 6pm was chosen as the date for the celebratory dinner. Pat will coordinate RSVPs for this event with Judy. Judy said her assistant Tammy will reach out to Tim regarding menu options.

- There is also the holiday dinner with the Sunrise club, scheduled for December 17th at Crystal Mountain.

Secretary's Report: Pasche

- 55 active members, 5 honorary (total 60)
- There was some confusion regarding club membership classifications and ClubRunner. Diane Tracy is no longer the Benzie Wellness and Aquatic Center representative to the club. Diane requested that Bill Kennis be her replacement; however, Bill is an active member of the Sunrise club. Stacy confirmed that Diane is terminating her membership. Stacy will follow up with Bill Kennis. Mitch confirmed they are billed as a Community Organization membership (not to be confused with a Corporate Membership at the RI level).

Treasurer's Report: Jaworski

- Mitch distributed a balance sheet and Income and Expense Report.
- Dale asked Mitch to confirm that we have \$4000 designated for the 2023-2024 district grant (\$2000 already sent from the district and \$2000 we matched). Mitch confirmed the money is there, it just isn't formally designated on the balance sheet.
- Tim Jones has yet to be paid for providing music for the Centennial event. Mitch will need an invoice to pay him (we think Bill C. has), but ??? will reach out to Tim J. to give an invoice to Tim Foster or Mitch. Bill Collin will also need to be reimbursed for the cake, drinks, etc. It was approved at an earlier board meeting that Happy Notes funds were to be used for Centennial celebration expenses.

Administrator's Report: None

Membership Report: Walton

- There was some confusion regarding Marshall Bell's sponsor. Pat (not Suzy Voltz) is his sponsor. Suzy will stand in for Pat for Marshall's induction. Steve will coordinate with Suzy and Marshall to establish an induction date.
- Suzy Voltz is sponsoring Renee Fisk for membership (and possibly her husband Bill). Suzy will get the application(s). Stacy will reach out to Suzy to confirm whether it is individual membership or a spousal membership.
- Jon Armstrong sent Steve an application for a prospective new member. Steve will forward to Stacy and Tim.

Publicity Report: Peregrine

- None

Grants Report: Charters

- The interim report for the 2023-2024 district grant for Rotary Park updates is due at the end of October. Dale will submit. The final report is not due until June 2025.
- Pat asked for permission for the club to apply for a Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation Grant of \$3000 for the Willoughby Foundation (to fund scholarships). She applies for these funds every year. No motion was made but the board approved.

Youth/Education Services: None

New Business:

- Winter Warmth Drive
 - Every year, we get fewer donations. It seems there are several other organizations doing this type of event and we no longer need to facilitate this service; however, we will help BACN promote their clothing donation requests to the community.

Adjournment: Tim/Charters at 11:33 a.m.

Next Meeting: November 6, 2024

10:15am at Hotel Frankfort.

Submitted by: Stacy Pasche