**MEETING MINUTES**

**Crystal-New Hope-Robbinsdale Rotary Club Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 31, 2024**

1. **Attendance**

John Lapointe, Bailey Beckman, Mark Neubauer, Tom Kosel, Anita Perkins, Nina Wolf and Anne Norris.

1. **Board Business**

* President Reports: Bailey and John shared their priorities, including a draft budget, for their year.
* Secretary Report: There was discussion about making the new member application also available as a fillable Google document on the website.
* Treasurer Report: The Board reviewed the treasurer’s financial report and discussed the state of the Club’s finances – whether dues cover the Club’s operational expenses.
* Service: Tom reviewed recent and upcoming service projects: January 17 at Second Harvest; February 15 at The Food Group; March at Empty Bowls or Second Harvest; and April 18 at The Food Group.
* Club Service report: No school supply drive for PRISM this year as the Club approved a grant to PRISM. There was discussion about the holiday baskets.
* Membership report: There was discussion about the status of potential new members and follow up from guests invited to the “Rotary Matters” program on April 24.
* International Service and 5950 Foundation report: John Lapointe discussed the change in Future Roots, the YMCA grant request and the opportunity to partner with the Benshoof Foundation.
* Social/Public relations report: Bailey noted the monthly happy hours are intended to be opportunities for the Club to socialize with one another.
* Grant requests:

The Board considered a district grant request from Maple Grove to provide Senegalese children with educational supplies. The Board approved the Club participating in the grant with $500.

The Board considered a grant request from Cooper High School to assist the Leo’s Club with costs associated with student trips for an awards ceremony in New York. The Board approved a grant of $500 for this.

The Board considered a grant request from the New Hope YMCA for a grant towards the cost of replacing the day care playground. This grant would be matched by a grant request to the Benshoof Foundation. The Board approved a grant of $2,500 for this project.

The Board considered a grant request from Mobility Worldwide for hand-operated carts for use by mobility impaired people around the world. The Board approved a grant of $1,000 for this project.

* Next Board meeting: The next Board meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. on August 28 the Wicked Wort, immediately preceding the Club’s happy hour at 5:30 p.m.

The Board meeting adjourned.