



**Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**10:30 AM, Highland Park Country Club**  
**4/15/19**

- 1. Attendance.** Board members attending were: Carrie Callas, Phil Lazarus, Jon Levey, Joe Lolli and Ghida Neukirch

Committee representatives included: Mike Babian, Len Tenner

Board members not attending: Manu Khododad, Dale Mugler, Paul Munk, Mike Stroz

- 2. Welcome.** President Neukirch welcomed everyone and commenced the meeting at 10:42.

**3. Treasurer's Report - Jon Levey**

Treasurer Levey shared and discussed the financial statements. The Board discussed the current cash position and the importance of the success of the Gala in ensuring the club can meet its budget. The Catered for Design check from February that was not received will be reissued.

**4. Gala Update – Mike Babian**

Mike Babian, Gala Chair, shared that to date, 130 tickets have been sold with a goal of 150 tickets to be sold. The overall revenue goal of the event is \$25,000. The Board discussed the importance of selling all raffle tickets and that there would be follow up with Rotary members to sell their tickets or return any unused tickets to Mike Babian so that they may be resold.

**5. Upcoming Service Projects – Ghida Neukirch (on behalf of Mike Stroz)**

The Club will be participating in Misericordia Candy Days on Saturday, April 27. Adult volunteers are needed to partner with Northwood Jr. High for this initiative. The Club will also be participating in the Spring into Giving initiative on May 3 and 4. The Club is also planning to participate in National Night Out in August, similar to our participation during the summer of 2018.

**6. Upcoming Monthly Calendar – Len Tenner (on behalf of Dale Mugler)**

Len Tenner shared that our speakers are set through April. May meetings have been reserved for scholarship recipients and charities. Since the grant applications were delayed this year, the charities luncheon will take place in June. May 20 is being reserved for RYLA and scholarship recipients (moved from May 13 to allow more notice after students are awarded the scholarships).

## **7. Membership Update – Joe Lolli**

Jenanne Rock was recently added as a new member.

Joe is following up with several prospective members. Joe asked that if we have any candidates as prospective members, to let him know and he will follow up with them to share more information about our Club.

## **8. International – Phil Lazarus**

Phil shared that the overseas trip was remarkable. They had a great group of students. They plan to hold a post trip meeting to debrief on suggestions for the next trip. It was discussed that the overall program will be reviewed, and specifically the travel arrangements need to be handled differently next time, as they were more costly than they should be and there was confusion with the arrangements.

## **9. Scholarships – Carrie Callas**

Carrie shared that the due date for all three scholarship applications – Service Above Self, Frank J. Schwermin, and the Vocational Scholarship – was April 5. We received applicants for Service Above Self and the new Frank Schwermin application, but did not receive any applicants for the Vocational Scholarships. The Scholarship Committee is currently reviewing the applications and will be meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> to make the final selections.

The Board discussed the budget for scholarships. There is \$20,000 in the budget for scholarships - \$10,000 will be awarded to College Bound Opportunities to directly support their students, \$6,000 will be awarded for the Frank J. Schwermin award (donated from Trillium Foundation), and \$4,000 will be awarded for the Service Above Self Scholarship.

## **10. Adjourn**

President Neukirch adjourned the meeting at 11:40 AM.

Submitted by: Carrie Callas, Secretary  
Reviewed by: Ghida Neukirch, President