



Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood
Board Meeting Minutes
4:00 PM, Virtual Zoom Meeting
4/7/2021

Attendance. Board members attending were: Dale Mugler, Jeff Colman, Len Tenner, Eric Ephraim, Paul Munk, Karen Dennis, Sandra Bast, Doris Xie

Board members not attending: Paul Clements, Scott Coren, Neil Dahlmann, Ghida Neukirch.

1. **Welcome.** President Mugler welcomed everyone and commenced the meeting at 4:04 p.m.
2. **Minutes.** Paul Munk motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Len Tenner seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Financial Report.** The financial reports were reviewed and a question regarding where we stood against the previous year were asked. The Board also wanted to confirm the amount paid to Sunset Foods for the gift cards. The Treasurer will go back to the bookkeeper for clarification.
4. **International.** Jeff Colman reported that he is in the process of getting sizes for the sweatshirts with the TABU logo to be given to all the students who participated in the March program.
5. **Community Service.** Nothing new to report.
6. **Membership.** Eric Ephraim had nothing new to report.
7. **Interact.** Len reported the two handpicked sponsors to replace Melissa and Jennifer have backed out so the search is on again. There is a meeting on April 20th to discuss this with Debbie Finn (the principal) and Lesa Friedrich.
8. **Charities.** Paul Munk reported he has received only a few applications so far. The deadline is two weeks away. Some charities have been given funds from other sources in response to the pandemic and that may be why there are fewer applicants to date. Paul and Doris Xie will meet soon.
9. **Scholarships.** Paul Munk said he's been in contact with Counselor Rob Becker at HPHS to advertise the scholarships. The deadline for scholarships is next Friday. Jeff Colman, Len Tenner and Dale Mugler have volunteered to help Paul with the selection process.
10. **The Rotary Foundation.** Doris Xie reported the Rotary Foundation Board is working on their budget for next year.

11. Programs. At the last meeting, Paul Clements had suggested we promote our speaker on April 19th, Annie Aggens of Polar Explorers. Len Tenner recommended we promote the speaker through the District. Members will be encouraged to invite a friend.

12. Old Business. Paul Munk reported that he met with Brad Swanson and Ida Fiore to advise them that they have until the end of the year for our Club to support them as we have in the past. They can look into forming a 501(c)(3). He felt they weren't too receptive to this. He will check in with them again in 60 days.

Dale reported that Larry Block spoke to Mauricio at Bella Via Restaurant. They would love to have us back – but not on Mondays. Whether the price would be the same is uncertain. Karen Dennis suggested we ask the new owners of The Summer Inn, (the old Belows' site) where there is more parking. We will contact them. Dale polled the members as to switching our meeting day to another day of the week and Wednesdays were thought to be a better day for those members still working. Dale will poll the members at the next meeting. It was suggested we return to in-person meetings in July, at the start of the new Rotary year. Board members agreed.

13. New Business. Member Barbara Reppen suggested River Day as a project for the Club. In the past we have participated in local clean-up projects like our beach front and Highway 22. It was felt this project would not be practical at this time.

14. Adjourn. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Len Tenner, seconded by Paul Munk. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Mary Beth Bretzlauf, Stand in Secretary

Reviewed by: Dale Mugler, President