

Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood

VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, April 29, 2020 3:30 PM

Attendance. Board members attending were: Dale Mugler, Eric Ephraim, Jeff Colman, Jenanne Rock, Scott Coren, Paul Munk. Len Tenner and Paul Clements was also in attendance

Board members not in attendance: Manu Khododad, Jon Levey, Ghida Neukirch and Richard Stone

1. Call to order. President Munk called the meeting to order at 3:32.

2. Approval of 3/9/20 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes: Eric, Second: Jeff, All in favor: All. Minutes approved.

3. Treasurer's Report (Paul for Jon). The financial statements and accounts receivable reports were reviewed. The impact of Gala cancellation was discussed

4. Committee Reports

- a. **Interact (Len):** Sponsors have decided not to limit the club membership at this time, and are inviting back all existing members, but not accepting any new applications. Anticipate 80 or so members for the next year. Club summer board is being finalized. There is still a lot of uncertainty in terms of what the school schedule will look like and when classes will start.
- b. **International (Jeff):** With TABU cancelled due to the Pandemic this year, there was a discussion on how best to reboot the program in Spring of 2021. General consensus was reached on the Club hosting, as opposed to traveling, in the next year. Finding host families for Spring 2021 will pose a challenge.
- c. **Membership (Eric):** We have added one new member, Alec Edwards. Paul or Dale will contact him regarding his interests and seek a way to get him involved in club's activities.
- d. **Programming (Paul C.):** We have speakers in place for May – working on more relevant topics based on current events/times and local responses
- e. **Rotary Foundation (Manu):** No new news. Telethon Fundraiser to focus on COVID May 2nd
- f. **Scholarships/Ryla (Paul):** Spring RYLA sessions have been cancelled. Scholarship Committee is meeting tomorrow to select recipients of Service Above Self Scholarship and Frank J. Schwermin Scholarship. Over 20 applications were received, the largest number in the last 3-5 years.

- g. **Charities (Paul):** Letters will be going out to Moraine Township Food pantry and Family Service regarding grants coming from the Pandemic Relief Fund

5. Old Business

- a. **Bookkeeping transition:** Going well, there is a learning curve but responsiveness is good

6. New Business

a. **Raffle Fundraiser:** Because we are potentially missing 2 fundraisers, it is imperative to find alternative ways to raise the necessary funds. A suggestion was made to ask for \$1000 of each member. A spirited discussion followed, with little consensus on best approach. Paul will draft a fundraising letter for Board to review.

b. **August Golf Outing:** Have not ruled out possibility of moving forward and with social distancing in place.

c. **Larry Block Honorary Membership** – Paul recommended Larry Block for honorary membership to recognize his service to the Club. Paul moved to approve, Dale second. Motion was unanimously approved.,

- 7. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:36pm. Motion to adjourn: Eric, Second: Paul. All in Favor: All.

Submitted by: Jenanne Rock, Secretary

Reviewed by: Paul Munk, President