

Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood

VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, May 27, 2020 1:00 PM

1. **Attendance.** Board members attending were: Jeff Colman, Eric Ephraim, Manu Khododad, Jon Levey, Dale Mugler, Paul Munk, Jenanne Rock. Sandra Bast, Paul Clements, and Len Tenner were also attending

Board members not in attendance: Scott Coren, Ghida Neukirch and Richard Stone

1. Call to order. President Munk called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

2. Treasurer's Report (Paul for Jon). The Club is in a reasonable financial position, due to a \$7000 raise from members, savings associated with cancellation of TABU program, and cut back in charitable grant giving and scholarship expenditures. It was noted that Accounts Receivable Report is showing receivables from Honorary Members. Paul indicated that adjustments will be made by the end of the fiscal year.

4. Committee Reports

- a. **Interact (Len):** The Club has held virtual meetings and has selected a virtual service day. Faculty Sponsors have indicated that they are concerned about students' mental health during this time of crisis and are exploring bringing in professional help to address this issue
- b. **International (Jeff):** We have reached out to our counterparts at Belfast Rotary to begin the dialogue regarding next year's TABU program, but are yet to receive a response.
- c. **Membership (Eric):** No news
- d. **Programming (Paul C.):** We have speakers in place through the month of July
- e. **Rotary Foundation (Manu):** We have 45 Paul Harris Fellows, and several members that are close to qualifying. Manu will compile a list of those individuals that are close to the threshold
- f. **Scholarships/Ryla (Paul):** Service Above Self and Frank Schwermin Scholarships have been awarded. Each award is \$6000. Frank Schwermin Scholarship is funded entirely by Trillium Foundation. CBO grant has been reduced by 50%, to \$5000 due to the Gala cancellation and reallocation of funds. 5 students identified by CBO will receive \$1000 each to help offset education costs.

- g. Charities (Paul/Dale):** Additional selections of NGO's dealing with the pandemic have been made, and checks have been mailed. Total amount granted to charitable efforts is \$11,200.

5. Old Business

- a. Fundraising Letter :** Paul has decided not to proceed with a fundraising letter at this time. He explained that the funding Gap was manageable for the remainder of this fiscal year, and he felt that the timing of a new fundraising effort was too soon after the just completed round. There was general consensus that the club needs to form a fundraising committee to identify various methods and pursue additional corporate sponsorships

6. New Business

- a. Shop 'n Drop Program:** The Club, along with Sunset Foods and other organizations, is co-sponsoring this project aimed at addressing food insecurity created by the COVID-19 pandemic for the neediest families in our community. \$2600 have been allocated to this program so far, and an application has been filed for a District Grant to match this amount.

- b. Installation Meeting Plans:** June 30th Late afternoon Zoom meeting and party is being planned to thank the outgoing board members and welcome the new board

- 7. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:58pm. Motion to adjourn: Jon, Second: Manu. All in Favor: All.

Submitted by: Jenanne Rock, Secretary

Reviewed by: Paul Munk, President