



Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood
Board Meeting Minutes
3:00 PM, Virtual Zoom Meeting
12/9/2020

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

Board members not attending: Scott Coren, Court Williams, Neil Dahlmann, Ghida Neukirch.

- 1. Welcome.** President Mugler welcomed everyone and commenced the meeting at 4:06 p.m.
- 2. Minutes.** Dale Mugler suggested a correction in the tense of wording in the Treasurer's Report. A motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting with the suggested correction was made by Jeff Colman, seconded by Karen Dennis. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Financial Report.** The financial reports included the final tally of the Golf Outing. Len Tenner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jeff Colman seconded, motion passed unanimously.

All bills were paid, including final expenses of the golf outing. Checks were sent to the Interact sponsors. There has been progress of the outstanding member balances, and the board continues to contact those members with a balance.

- 4. Charities.** Paul Munk asked the board to give some thought to focusing on COVID response with the Charities in the spring. Doris Xie will chair that committee.
- 5. Scholarships.** Paul Munk reported that the Trillium Foundation approved \$6000 to fund the Frank Schwermin Scholarship. CBO scholarship applications are coming in. The Board must still determine how much money to disburse.

RYLA still has spring of 2021 dates for their leadership weekends. No promotional material has been sent. It is uncertain if the program will take place this coming spring.

- 6. Community Service.** It has been a challenge to find service projects that do not include large in-person gatherings. It was reported this year's MLK Day of Service project will have two days of service available. On Saturday January 16, 2021, donations will be picked up on donor's front stoop or porch between 10 AM to 12PM. On Monday January 18, 2021, there will be a collection of donations at Traycee Home Services in Highwood (Karen LeBuhn's workplace) and HPCC. All donations will then be delivered to Lake County Pads. Volunteers are needed.

Interact will be doing their own service project.

We are also looking at a coat drive. Karen Dennis will consult with Mike Lubelfeld for students in need.

- 7. International.** Jeff Colman and Dale Mugler updated the Board on the idea to hold a mini conference with 12 HPHS Interact Students, 6 Northern Ireland students and 6 students from the Waukegan area. David Boyd from Northern Ireland said he thought students would be very interested. Tentative dates for this will be March 6th or 13th. The mini conference would be made up of two workshops – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Needed are speakers who can facilitate a group discussion on the topic as well. Lisa Wilkerson will help find minority students. It was suggested that the speakers be approved by Ghida and Dr. Law.
- 8. Membership.** Board members continue to reach out to members who have been absent. Next term Mike Babian will help with recruitment and Martha Gray will help with retention.
- 9. Interact.** Len Tenner reported the students are making blankets as one of their service projects. Melissa Zientara said this Board was the best one she's had in ten years.
- 10. Programs.** Paul Clements has many feelers out for potential speakers; he is waiting for responses.
- 11. Old Business.** The Holiday Party is Saturday, the 19th at 7 PM.
- 12. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Submitted by: Mary Beth Bretzlauf, Stand in Secretary
Reviewed by: Dale Mugler, President