

Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood

BOARD MEETING MINUTES Highland Park County Club January 13, 2020 1:00 PM

Attendance. Board members attending were: Jeff Colman, Scott Coren, Eric Ephraim, Paul Munk, Jenanne Rock. Also attending was Len Tenner, Interact Liaison.

Board members not in attendance: Manu Khododad, Jon Levey, Dale Mugler, Ghida Neukirch, Dick Stone

1. Call to order. President Munk called the meeting to order at 1:07

2. Approval of 12/9/19 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes: All in favor: All. Minutes approved.

3. Paul Munk gave Treasurer's Report in lieu of Jon Levey. The Club is on track to meet the planned budget. There was a discussion on the usefulness of financial reports currently generated by Club's accounting firm, and general agreement to explore alternatives.

4. Committee Reports

- a. **Interact (Len):** MLK Day is set for Monday Jan. 20th no Rotary Meeting that day. There are enough volunteers in place to support the booth. April 26th is Tree Planting event throughout Highwood to plant 100 trees. It was recommended that Paul and Len look into and clarify the insurance coverage with volunteers and members being on and in personal residential properties. Interact is planning to reduce the number of club members, currently at 117 next year. The logistics and management of club this size has proven to be more challenging than initially anticipated. The goal is to trade quantity for quality activities that Interact cannot currently undertake because of its large size.
- b. **International (Jeff):** TABU activities are being planned. Paul will contact Cynthia Plouche regarding a visit to the Chicago High School for the Arts. Jeff will maintain an updated calendar and master list of activities
- c. **Membership (Eric):** Focus Group with Interact families will be held on Thursday, 1/16. Hope to gain insight into what potential Rotary members in this younger demographic find compelling enough to join the Club
- d. **Programming (Dick):** Need to identify speakers for the upcoming 2020 calendar as soon as possible. Any suggestions are welcome!
- e. **Rotary Foundation (Manu):** No Report
- f. **Scholarships/Ryla (Paul/Jenanne):** Trillium Foundation Grant has been received. Scholarship Applications for Service Above Self and Frank Schwermin Scholarship will be forwarded to HPHS by the end of this month

5. Old Business

- a. **Gala:** ON track. Looking into music options. Expecting a great turnout – last year 130 plus and this year there is expectation of greater attendance. Date has been set for Saturday, 5/16/20 at Exmoor Country Club.
- b. **Meeting Location and Lunch Options Status Update**
 - a. **Bella Via** –Initial proposal too expensive, attempting to renegotiate
 - b. **Bocce Club**, Highwood – waiting to hear back about feasibility/availability
 - c. **13ninety Restaurant** – Will hold a meeting there on 1/27; may work as a temporary location. Lack of privacy once the golf course opens will be an issue
 - d. **HPCC** - \$26 per person, with \$145 facilities charge per meeting. Exploring the possibility of meeting downstairs at HPCC at a lower rate. Plan to deal directly with City of HP to explore all options on how to get cost more affordable, perhaps by trading in kind work done by the Rotary for City of HP.

6. NEW Business

- a. Paul updated the Board on Gerry Brin's resignation due to health concerns, and proposed that Gerry be voted an Honorary Member. The Board unanimously approved .

7. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm. Motion to adjourn: Scott, Second: Paul. All in Favor: All.

Submitted by: Jenanne Rock, Secretary

Reviewed by: Paul Munk, President