



Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood
Board Meeting Minutes
3:00 PM, Virtual Zoom Meeting
11/11/2020

Attendance. Board members attending were: Dale Mugler, Karen Dennis, Sandra Bast, Paul Clements, Jeff Colman, Len Tenner, Scott Coren and Mary Beth Bretzlau

Board members not attending: Paul Munk, Eric Ephraim, Ghida Neukirch.

- 1. Welcome.** President Mugler welcomed everyone and commenced the meeting at 3:06 p.m.
- 2. Minutes.** A motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Len Tenner, seconded by Jeff Colman. 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.

Len Tenner made a motion to forgive/remove the \$200 charge to help cover the loss of a spring gala to the few members who did not participate. Jeff Colman seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Sandra would like to transfer \$40,000 of \$50,000 in HPB&T into the FBHP mutual fund. It requires two signatures.

Shop N Drop will receive the balance of their \$5200 grant which is \$200.00. Shop N Drop has applied for a 501(c)(3).

A discussion of members being able to pay their dues with a credit card was discussed. The rates and fees were an issue. Len offered to process those charges every quarter for those members who wish to pay by credit card to help the club avoid the extras expenses charged by third parties like PayPal and Sage (the platform used by Club Runner).

- 4. Charities.** Paul Munk provided a report. At this time, there is no activity in regards to Charities. The \$11,200 we agreed to grant recipients back in May was distributed by the end of June and we will not start the new grant cycle until February 2021 at the earliest.
- 5. Scholarships.** We applied to the Trillium Foundation for the continuation of funding the Frank Schwermin Scholarship which goes to a graduating HPHS senior who is entering a healthcare field. We are hoping to hear soon. All indications are the \$6000 will be granted pending approval by Trillium's Board.

- 6. Community Service.** Scott Coren reported that he is still looking for some safe form of community service our Club can do with social distancing in mind.
- 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. A portion of the \$6500 budgeted for TABU could be used to engage speakers. A past speaker, Lia Wilkerson has connections to a few youth programs there. Potential speakers for the program, ideally held on a Saturday in the spring were discussed. A speaker who could also facilitate the discussions that followed is needed. The Holocaust Museum, Anti-Defamation League are favored.
- 8. Membership.** Board members have been reaching out to members who have been absent and continue to do so. Dale Mugler asked Scott Coren to think of other Highwood business owners or stakeholders who would make a great contribution to the Club as members.
- 9. Programs.** Paul Clements has many feelers out for potential speakers; he is waiting for responses. Upcoming is a presentation on RI's End Polio effort.
- 10. Old Business.** Holiday Party plans are continuing. Dale found a "friendly feud" game that could be done online. Several board members will give it a test run. Date is still to be determined.
- 11. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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