



**Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**3:00 PM, Virtual Zoom Meeting**  
**2/10/2021**

**Attendance.** Board members attending were: Dale Mugler, Jeff Colman, Len Tenner, Karen Dennis, Sandra Bast, Scott Coren

Board members not attending: Court Williams, Neil Dahlmann, Ghida Neukirch, Eric Ephraim, Paul Munk.

- 1. Welcome.** President Mugler welcomed everyone and commenced the meeting at 3:11p.m.
- 2. Minutes.** Len Tenner moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Jeff Colman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3. Financial Report.** The financial reports were reviewed and a discussion took place over outstanding dues that still need to be collected.

Sandra Bast would like to create an ACH for the access of Shop N Drop money. It was decided that we would try ACH for six months.

- 4. Charities.** Paul Munk submitted his report via email. As approved by the board in January, we have donated 150 Sunset Foods Gift Cards in \$100 denomination totaling \$15,000 (to be paid in February) in value to North Shore School District 112. D112 received the cards from me on January 27 and were scheduled to begin selecting recipient families late last week. That effort will be led by Jose Castrejon, whose title is Family Engagement Specialist. A special mention/shoutout to fellow Rotarian Frank Lomoro who not only helped to expedite the process within Sunset Foods, but also discounted our purchase by 5%, effectively donating \$750 to the cause.

The 2021 Grant Application is now available on our website. Paul has a list of non-profit organizations within Lake County (thank you, Gail Brown, Moraine Township Clerk) to which we can distribute the application, but I think it makes sense to cull the list beforehand because, realistically, there are several entities on the list that do not fall into our areas of focus.

- 5. Scholarships.** Paul Munk submitted this report via email. The 2021 Scholarship application for both Service above Self and Frank Schwermin scholarship has been forwarded to Rob Becker, CRC counselor at Highland Park High School. We have set Friday April 9 as a submission deadline. I have also forwarded The Vocational Scholarship application to Rob, with a deadline of April 2nd, since we need to vet the candidate(s) before forwarding the application on to the District 6440.

As for RYLA, there is no new news to report - while the program remains on the books, I am virtually certain it will not take place this Spring due to Covid-19 pandemic constraints. The fact that we have not received any material to distribute to participating schools is a good sign of impending cancellation.

Paul is looking volunteers to serve on the Scholarship Committee (and Charities Committee for that matter) to assist in evaluating completed applications as they are received.

- 6. Community Service.** Scott Coren reported he is reviewing past service projects that are outdoors with the pandemic in mind. One of them is the beach clean-up project.

Dale reported the ideas we received from Mayor Rotering – have a HPHS Student shadow one of us or mentoring a HPHS student.

- 7. International.** Jeff Colman updated the Board with the TABU program. The Belfast Club has six students and is looking for six more. They are excited and would like to observe the program. It is something that many of our members are interested in as well. It was decided that perhaps restricting members to 4 for each Club would work.

- 8. Membership.** Board members continue to reach out to members who have been absent. There is a possible member, Paul Altman, who is an Interact parent.

- 9. Interact.** Len Tenner reported nothing has changed as far as the Interact Club goes.

He suggested that when the time comes and we are able to gather, our gala should be to honor the Interact Club Sponsors Melissa Zientara and Jennifer Ginopoulos, who will be leaving the program at the end of this school year. They will select the new Interact Board and give this Board their recommendations for their replacements.

- 10. The Rotary Foundation:** Court Williams is moving to another church nearby and resigning. Doris Xie has agreed to take his place as Chairperson of the Rotary Foundation.

- 11. Programs.** Paul Clements has secured speakers for March.

- 12. Adjourn.** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeff Colman, seconded by Len Tenner. The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Submitted by: Mary Beth Bretzlauf, Stand-in Secretary

Reviewed by: Dale Mugler, President