Minutes of a Meeting of the Board

**Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood**

February 26, 2018

**1.** **Attendance.**

**a.** Board members attending were: Mike Babian, Neil Dahlmann, Phil Lazarus, Jon Levey, Joe Lolli, Paul Munk, Yesim Sonmez, and Len Tenner.

**b.** Board members not attending were: Dale Mugler, Cynthia Plouché, Ghida Neukirch, Fred Orkin, and Diana Sotelo.

**2. Memorials.**

**a.** Brian Byers from the Belfast Rotary Club passed away. He was instrumental in TABU and was a good friend to many in our club. The board voted to ask Martha Gray to arrange to send flowers to the funeral (not to exceed $200). *[Note: at the Byers family’s request we instead sent $200 to the Belfast club’s foundation.]* In addition Len Tenner will collect funds from individual members of our club (hopefully $1,000 or more) that we will present to the TABU team, in Brian’s name, when they’re here at the end of March. Please let Len know if you’d like to contribute $100 to this.

**b.** Jack Blane also passed away. Jack was a former HP City Council Member, a past president of the Wheeling Rotary Club, a past district governor, and he was a national fund raiser extraordinaire for PolioPlus. He was a friend to many in our club. The board voted to give $200 to The Rotary Foundation in Jack’s name. *[Note: District 6440 asked us to secure a videographer from the high school to record the memorial service for Jack. We did so at a cost of $100. As a result, our contribution to the Rotary Foundation will be $100.]*

**c.** Since the board meeting, our long time member Bernie Kaye passed away. Bernie was a doctor of the best sort, and was a Rotarian of the best kind. For some years he has been unable to attend our meeting due to poor health. We miss his kazoo.

**3. Treasurer’s Report.**

**a.** As of December 31 we had $90,519 in our bank accounts.

**b.** Credit Cards. The board decided that those using credit cards to pay for quarterly club invoices would either: i) pay a surcharge of 3.5% of the amount charged; or ii) allow the club to automatically charge what they owe each quarter. The “tradeoff” is not having to “chase” members for payment. This would not apply to our golf tournament and our gala fundraiser.

**4. International.**

**a.** The TABU team from Northern Ireland will arrive on March 28 and they’ll depart on April 6. Phil Lazarus, Cynthia Plouché, and Mary Beth Bretzlauf are working on the arrangements.

**b.** The Bedouin project is back on. We committed to contribute $1,000 to this project.

**5. Scholarships.**

Paul Munk said we have committed to pay for 4 HPHS students (3 boys & 1 girl) to go to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards).

**6. Fellowship/Fundraising.**

Our Gala Fundraising Event will be at Exmoor Country Club on Friday, April 27.

**7. Membership.**

Joe Lolli asks that we let him know if any of us know people who may be potential members.

**8. The Rotary Foundation (TRF).**

Len Tenner attended the Rotary District 6440 Grant Seminar.

**9. BylawsUpdates.**

The committee hopes to have the updated club constitution, bylaws, and more ready to submit to the board and the members by the end of March. The committee is Neil Dahlmann, Paul Munk, Ghida Neukirch, Fred Orkin, and Len Tenner.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Dahlmann, Secretary