

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board
Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood
February 27, 2017

1. Attendance. Board members attending were: Mike Babian, Neil Dahlmann, Paul Munk, Fred Orkin, Cynthia Plouché, Yesim Sonmez, and Len Tenner. Board members not attending were: Larry Block, Joanne Gordon, Martha Gray, Ghida Neukirch, and Diana Sotelo.

2. Minutes of 1/27/2017 meeting were approved.

3. Board Decisions & Reports

- a. RI Convention in Atlanta. The board approved reimbursing up to \$1,660 toward expenses for 4 people to attend the Atlanta RI Convention in June. This includes reimbursing up to \$415 each for 2 HPHS Interact teachers, a high school counselor, and club president Cynthia Plouché.
- b. International Project. The board approved \$1,000 to partner with other District 6440 clubs for a proposed Bedouin wastewater project in the Negev region of Israel. This system would serve a neighborhood of 100-300 people. Northbrook is the lead club in District 6440, and the Rotary Club of Beer-Sheva will provide local Rotary involvement in Israel. The overall goal is to raise \$50,000 of which \$15,000 would come from District 6440 clubs.
- c. Sales Tax Exemption Denied. Our club's request for a re-hearing with the IL Dept. of Revenue was denied. (Note: While we will now be paying IL sales tax, this does not change our 501(c)(3) status with the IRS.)
- d. Membership. Carolyn Cerf resigned from the club, and Brad Swanson learned that his high school will not pay for him to be a member of a Rotary Club that is not in their school district.
- e. Publicity Chair. We need a member to volunteer to be chair of our Publicity committee.
- f. Mann Weiss Engagement Letter. The board approved the engagement letter to continue our accounting services with our CPA firm, Mann Weitz.
- g. RYLA. Yesim said 4 HPHS students will be attending RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards).
- h. Hunger Program. The board approved \$8,750 (less \$673± previously spent) that was approved in 2015, to go to Moraine Township Food Pantry and the food program at St. James Church in Highwood. The money has been in our bank account since 2015 and only a small portion was actually used. Here's the background: We received a \$3,750 grant from District 6440 and our club was to provide another \$5,000 for a weekend backpack food program for needy HPHS students. For various reasons this program was canceled after spending about \$673±. Len Tenner contacted D6440 and they approved re-directing these funds to Moraine Twp. and St. James, so long as the money will be used for food programs for needy people in our community.

4. Upcoming events: March 21-31 TABU team from HP in Northern Ireland
 April 8 Fundraiser

Respectfully submitted,
Neil Dahlmann, Secretary