

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board
Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood
January 23, 2017

1. Attendance. Board members attending were: Mike Babian, Larry Block, Neil Dahlmann, Martha Gray, Paul Munk, Ghida Neukirch, Fred Orkin, Cynthia Plouché, Yesim Sonmez, Diana Sotelo, and Len Tenner.

Board members not attending were: Carolyn Cerf and Joanne Gordon.

2. Minutes of 12/19/2016 meeting were approved.

3. President's Report.

- a. Club members are encouraged to update their bios on our website in anticipation of the:
- b. Biography Project. Mary Beth Bretzlauf has been urged by several members to try to write short biographies (1-2 pages) of our members. She said the incentive for this was, within the last year, the loss of Ted Less, Percy Prior, Henry Lipson, and Mort Gross. So Mary Beth will contact their relatives and, if possible, try to recapture their stories. And she is going to begin writing biographies of our current members, starting with the oldest and working down to the youngest. She has already done this with Francis Sheahen, is working with Frank Shwermin, and will go from there. What form this project will take is hard to say as it will evolve over a long time. A target might be to have it done for our Club's 100th anniversary in 10 years.
- c. Sales Tax Exemption Denied. Larry Block said we received a notice from the Illinois Department of Revenue that, after a hearing, they denied our Club's application to renew our sales tax exemption. Larry has filed a petition for a rehearing. In the meantime, we continue to receive sales tax exemption from our major suppliers. (Note: this does not change our 501(c)(3) status with the IRS.)
- d. Club Credit Card. The issue of our Club having a credit card was tabled until July 1.

4. Treasurer's Report. Diana provided a written report that as of December 31 the Club had \$85,968 in its bank accounts. Several questions were asked regarding the income & expense statement, and Diana will research the answers.

5. Committee Reports. Paul said the Charities Committee will have a meeting next Monday, January 30. Larry said we may have 2 new members (Mike Stroz & Dick Stone).

6. New Business. Yesim said Phil Lazarus agreed to be chair of the International Committee.

7. Old Business. Cynthia is continuing her work to create job descriptions of each committee.

8. Upcoming events:	February 17	Random Acts of Kindness Day
	March 21-31	TABU team from HP in Northern Ireland
	April 8	Fundraiser

Respectfully submitted,
Neil Dahlmann, Secretary