



Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood
Board Meeting Minutes
3:00 PM, Virtual Zoom Meeting
1/13/2021

Attendance. Board members attending were: Dale Mugler, Paul Clements, Jeff Colman, Len Tenner, Eric Ephraim, Paul Munk

Board members not attending: Karen Dennis, Sandra Bast, Scott Coren, Court Williams, Neil Dahlmann, Ghida Neukirch.

- 1. Welcome.** President Mugler welcomed everyone and commenced the meeting at 4:07 p.m.
- 2. Minutes.** Jeff Colman motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Len Tenner seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3. Financial Report.** The financial reports were reviewed and a discussion about the reserves took place, which led into Charities.

It was suggested that the bookkeeper keep the Shop N Drop money in a separate report.

(Note: there was no motion made to accept the report)

- 4. Charities.** Paul Munk proposed using all the money allotted to Charities (\$15,000) to be used to help feed D112 students and their families. He had spoken to Mike Lubelfeld who said his greatest need was food. Mike said he is directing people to the Moraine Township Food Pantry on a daily basis. This could be accomplished by purchasing gift cards to Sunset Foods and Jewel. It was suggested by Len Tenner that we use \$15,000 from our reserves to accomplish this. That would leave the allotted money for Charities to be used for local charities.
- 5. Scholarships.** Paul Munk has been in contact with his counterpart at HPHS. He will be updating the applications for distribution.

RYLA still has spring of 2021 dates for their leadership weekends. No promotional material has been sent. It is uncertain if the program will take place this coming spring.

- 6. Community Service.** On Monday January 18, 2021, there will be a collection of donations at Traycee Home Services in Highwood (Karen LeBuhn's workplace) and HPCC. All donations will then be delivered to Lake County Pads.

In following up with a coat drive, it was determined it is too late in the season to begin a project like that.

7. International. Jeff Colman updated the Board with his progress on holding a mini conference with 12 HPHS Interact Students, 6 Northern Ireland students and 6 students from the Waukegan area. David Boyd from Northern Ireland said he thought students would be very interested. Tentative dates for this will be March 6th and 13th. The mini conference would be made up of two workshops – one each weekend. Jeff and Karen Dennis contacted New Roots, an Anti-Racism/Restorative Social Justice and Racial Healing Advocate group would lead the conference. Reading material would be sent out the week before and then with a facilitator would lead the students in discussions. The Board approved the proposals at a cost of \$4200.00. It was recommended that Jeff “google” the speakers to make sure they are who they say they are and do not have any criminal records. It was also recommended that the agenda and facilitators should be run by the school for their approval

8. Membership. Board members continue to reach out to members who have been absent.

9. Interact. Len Tenner reported they continue to have speakers on Zoom. This is a definite challenge for the teachers - they are doing the best they can. The students are also making cards for children who are in the hospital.

Melissa Zientara and Jennifer Ginopoulos will be leaving the program at the end of this school. They will select the new Interact Board and give our Board their recommendations for their replacements.

It was recommended we honor them when we are able to have a gala.

10. The Rotary Foundation: Court Williams is moving to another church nearby. He will be moving his membership there. We are in need of a new Rotary Foundation Director. Len said he would help the next the Director navigate the position.

11. Programs. Paul Clements has many feelers out for potential speakers.

12. Adjourn. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Len Tenner, seconded by Jeff Colman. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Mary Beth Bretzlauf, Stand in Secretary

Reviewed by: Dale Mugler, President