



**Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**10:30 AM, Hybrid Meeting**  
**7/21/2021**

**Attendance.** Board members attending in person: Karen Dennis, Dale Mugler, Len Tenner, Eric Ephraim, Sandra Bast, Jim Berardi, Phil Lazarus, Mike Babian, Mary Beth Bretzlauf (via Zoom)

Board members not attending: Paul Munk, Paul Clements, Martha Gray, Neil Dahlmann, Doris Xie, Ghida Neukirch, Scott Coren

1. **Welcome.** President Dennis welcomed everyone and commenced the meeting at 10:30 a.m.
2. **Minutes.** Eric Ephraim moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, Mike Babian seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Financial Report.** The financial reports were reviewed, marking the disbursements of scholarships and grants. A discussion took place regarding past due members.
4. **Old Business.** Shop N Drop and SaLT update: They have applied for a 501(c)(3). Annual Golf Outing: Jim asked that the flyer and registration form be sent to members.
5. **New Business.** The Gala is October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mike is in contact with Exmoor and is waiting for prices. In the meantime, Mike and few other members will meet August 3<sup>rd</sup> to begin planning. Getting mailing lists and 'save the date' cards out ASAP is the priority. Eric suggested Principal Deborah Finn can help promote this with the HPHS staff. Pricing for students and teachers is also considered.

Future Board meetings will be 10:30 AM on the third Wednesday of the month.

**6. Committees. Committee Goals for the coming year:**

**Youth Services Scholarships and Fundraising:**

- **Successful August Golf Outing**
- *will work on Scholarships and provide goal after golf outing is over*

**Interact Club:**

- **a great year for the Interact students which we will only know at the end of the year when we survey them**
- **Ida and Brad to re-up as Advisors another year**

**Programs:** Goals to be provided by Paul Clements

**Fellowship:**

- **Well attended planned fellowships events quarterly**

Mike is hoping to have more fellowship opportunities like Rotary at Rosewood. That event will be tabled until spring 2022 since we have two major events August and October. A happy hour at 28 Mile Vodka was cancelled last year due to the pandemic, so that will be explored again.

**Rotary Foundation:** Goals to be provided by Doris Xie

**Community Service:** Goals to be provided by Scott Coren

**International:**

- **TABU project redirected towards Rotary's Environment Service Area with plan to do this by the end of the year.**

Phil Lazarus said he has spoken to Len and wants to take the TABU program in a different direction. With the environment one of RI's areas of focus, he feels there are a number of events and projects that can be planned for the Northern Ireland students when they arrive in 2023. Among them are tree planting (already in discussion with HP Park District), roof top gardens and solar, as well as educating them on reducing food waste.

**Membership:** Goals to be provided by Martha Gray and Mike Babian.

**Public Relations.** Goals to be provided by Ghida.

- 7. Adjourn.** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sandra Bast, seconded by Mike Babian. The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Submitted by: Mary Beth Bretzlauf, Stand-in Secretary

Reviewed by: Karen Dennis, President