

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board  
**Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood**  
June 4, 2018

**1. Attendance.** Board members attending were: Neil Dahlmann, Phil Lazarus, Jon Levey, Joe Lolli, Paul Munk, Ghida Neukirch, Fred Orkin, Cynthia Plouché, Yeşim Sönmez, Diana Sotelo, and Len Tenner. Carrie Callas also attended.

Board members not attending were: Mike Babian and Dale Mugler.

**2. Budget for 2018-19.** The proposed 2018/2019 budget was submitted for review and consideration. President-Elect Neukirch reviewed the feedback she reviewed from members which included suggested modifications to Membership Dues; Quarterly Fundraising for Club Charities (& Club Admin Expenses); changing the Golf Fundraiser to a Fall Fundraiser; reducing contributions from \$8500 to \$6000; adding \$400 for publicity expenses; and adding \$300 for President's Discretionary Amount (special projects). Ms. Neukirch will make modifications to the budget and then issue to the Board. The budget was unanimously approved as amended. *See attachment.*

**3. Meeting Location Options.** In light of the Catering by Design cost proposal, \$21/person, the group discussed changing the venue for the weekly meetings from the Highland Park Country Club. President-Elect Neukirch stated that two places she contacted would not accept reservations because they are closed on Mondays. She was obtaining cost estimates from two other locations, although parking in the subject area, such as the CBD would be challenging. The Board agreed that the \$21 pp. charge was reasonable given the limitations of other places and the anticipated, comparable costs.

It was suggested that the agreement with the HPCC not restrict the Club to weekly meetings in the event that other locations want to be pursued, or if the Club agrees to reduce the meeting schedule from weekly to 2-3 times per month. Also, we may have periodic meetings outside of the regular non schedule to give people who can't make a noon meeting a chance to join us.

Attendees noted the importance of sharing the consideration to reduce the weekly meeting schedule with the full membership after the Board discusses the consideration in greater detail at a future meeting.

**4. Volunteer List.** President Elect Neukirch thanked Neil Dahlmann for creating the Volunteer Interest List. A spreadsheet was distributed that included the committees that members were interested in volunteering. It was suggested that committee chairs/board members schedule meetings in the next 60 days, as appropriate, in order to establish their work plan for the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Neil Dahlmann, Secretary & Ghida Neukirch, President-Elect