



**Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**4:00 PM, Virtual Zoom Meeting**  
**3/10/2021**

**Attendance.** Board members attending were: Dale Mugler, Paul Clements, Jeff Colman, Len Tenner, Eric Ephraim, Paul Munk, Karen Dennis, Doris Xie

Board members not attending: Sandra Bast, Scott Coren, Neil Dahlmann, Ghida Neukirch.

1. **Welcome.** President Mugler welcomed everyone and commenced the meeting at 4:04 p.m.
2. **Minutes.** Jeff Colman motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Eric Ephraim seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Financial Report.** The financial reports were reviewed and a discussion about the reserves took place. Len wondered if we had paid Sunset Foods for the gift cards. Paul Munk said we have not yet received the invoice. He will contact Frank Lomoro.
4. **International.** Jeff Colman reported that 25 students participated in the first virtual TABU workshop. Twelve were HPHS students, eight were from the Belfast, Northern Ireland area and 6 students from the Little Black Pearl Academy in Chicago. A lot of positive feedback was received by students and adult observers alike. In tradition with visiting students, the Club will present them with a gift. The board decided to give the students sweatshirts with the TABU logo.  
  
Jeff also reported this past Sunday, 28 members and spouses took part in the virtual get together. A good time was had by all!
5. **Community Service.** Nothing new to report.
6. **Membership.** Eric Ephraim reported that we have a new member, Barbara Reppen, who reached out to us through our website. Dale has assigned Karen Dennis to be a mentor for Barbara. We also are anticipating the transferring members from Bloomington, Indiana, Rosann and Arty Leavy.
7. **Charities.** Paul Munk reported the updated application is now available on our website and he sent the application electronically to previous recipients. Doris Xie has offered to help Paul.
8. **Scholarships.** Paul Munk said he's been in contact with Counselor Rob Becker at HPHS to advertise the scholarships. Paul also asked the board about the CBO money. Last year because we did not have a gala, we did not give the entire \$10,000 promised as part of our five year commitment to CBO. The board decided to give the \$10,000 this year – the fourth year of five.

**9. The Rotary Foundation.** Doris Xie reported there is much to report to the Club about what the TRF is doing this year and how it affects our Clubs, both locally and worldwide. Paul Clements arranged for Doris to present to the Club on March 29<sup>th</sup>. She will also prepare a report as to who is current or behind on their pledges to TRF.

**10. Old Business.** Last month it was suggested we look into helping Shop N Drop (SND) become a 501(c)(3). Dale spoke to Larry Block who said it was cost about \$800 and they would need a Board of Directors. There is concern that the students behind this program are graduating and there may not be others to take their place. Also, SND has become a time intense project not only in the weekly hours, but also the long term. It is estimated they are collecting, sorting and feeding about 80 families a week.

The Board was reminded that there are people in our community who would donate their time to help create the 501(c)(3). A motion was made by Len Tenner to have a deadline of December 31, 2021 for SND sponsors Brad Swanson and Ida Fiore so they can find someone to help them with this matter. Paul Clements seconded. The motion passed. Paul Munk will speak to Brad and Ida about this.

**11. New Business:** Dale reported that Bella Via did not want to host our weekly meetings when it is safe to return to in-person gatherings. Paul Munk suggested speaking to the owner and not the catering manager. The Club does have items to be retrieved from that site should we meet at another venue.

It was suggested that Dale take a survey of how many members are fully vaccinated in order to help us move forward with gatherings and also our gala.

Mary Beth and Karen Dennis will be attending a webinar by EventGroove, which is partnering with Rotary to help Clubs in their fundraising challenges. The webinar takes place March 26<sup>th</sup>.

It was also decided that meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays is convenient for most Board members. The next meeting will be April 7, 2021.

**12. Programs.** Paul Clements has speakers lined up for April. Among them is Annie Aggens of Polar Explorers on April 19<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that we promote this speaker. We can post it to Facebook and our website, and they would RSVP with Mary Beth. The students who participated in our virtual TABU event will speak to the Club in May, once Paul hears back from HPHS.

**13. Adjourn.** The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Len Tenner, seconded by Paul Munk. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Submitted by: Mary Beth Bretzlauf, Stand in Secretary  
Reviewed by: Dale Mugler, President