

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board
Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood
May 23, 2016

1. Those attending were: Larry Block, Carolyn Cerf, Neil Dahlmann, Karen Dennis, Joanne Gordon, Martha Gray, Paul Munk, Cynthia Plouché, Bill Siskel, Yesim Sonmez, Diana Sotelo, and Len Tenner.

Board members not attending were: Fred Orkin.

2. Minutes of 4/18 and 5/16/2016 meetings were approved.
3. President's Report – Cynthia Plouche said that Ron Davis asked that his resignation be changed to a leave of absence, due to personal circumstances, for 6 months from May thru October 2016. The board approved Ron's request. Best wishes and we hope to see you in November, Ron.

Cynthia also distributed a preliminary budget for the next Rotary year which begins on July 1.

4. **Committee Reports**

Charities – Bill Siskel said that checks for approved grants to charities will be distributed at our June 5 meeting.

Community Projects –

Fellowship – Joanne Gordon proposed that for the 3rd Monday of each of July, August & September, in lieu of a lunch meeting, we'll have an evening fellowship event at Beelows. The board approved. Then, depending on attendance, Joanne & the board will decide whether to continue this.

Fundraising –The 2016 golf event is scheduled for August 5th.

International –Martha Gray reported about a request for our club to partner with a Rotary Club in Turkey to raise money to provide medical equipment for a pathology lab at a university hospital in Turkey. Len Tenner has discussed this with an individual at the Rotary Foundation in Evanston, and Len was encouraged. Yesim is going to be in Turkey next week and she will investigate further. If we go ahead, the preliminary numbers are: \$5,000 from our club; \$25,000 from the Turkish club; and the balance from the 2 districts and the Rotary Foundation.

Literacy –

Membership – Larry Block & Carolyn Cerf reported that we have 3 new members, Phil Lazarus, Mario Valente, and Julie Tuohy. Larry said perhaps more are coming.

Programs –

Publicity –

Rotary Foundation – Len Tenner expressed that he was very proud that 100% of our members were Paul Harris Fellows. Then we got a bunch of new members!

Scholarships – Yesim Sonmez said we distributed this year's scholarship grants at today's meeting. She also said that last year's grants were to be paid out over 2 years. The 2nd payments will be made this August.

Youth Exchange –

5. **New Business** - Joanne Gordon said that Mary Beth Bretzlauf (Neil's receptionist/office assistant) does a lot of administrative work for our club. In order to thank Mary Beth for everything she does for us, Joanne proposed that we award Mary Beth a Paul Harris Fellowship and have her become an Honorary Member. The board approved this unanimously and it will be awarded at the installation of new officers & directors at our June 27 lunch meeting.

It's a secret, so don't tell Mary Beth. Neil will make sure she attends that meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Neil Dahlmann, Secretary