



Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood
Board Meeting Minutes
1:00 PM, In Person Meeting
4/20/2022

Attendance. Board members attending in person: Karen Dennis, Len Tenner, Dale Mugler Martha Gray, Doris Xie, Jim Berardi, Neil Dahlmann, Mary Beth Bretzlauf

Board members not attending: Paul Clements, Eric Ephraim, Ghida Neukirch, Scott Coren, Sandra Bast, Mike Babian, and Phil Lazarus.

1. **Welcome.** President Dennis welcomed everyone and commenced the meeting at 1:05 p.m.
2. **Minutes:** Len Tenner made a motion to accept the minutes, Martha Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** A report was not available.
4. **Old Business.** The Board also approved the charity distributions that the Committee of the Whole decided upon. This is the distribution breakdown:

▪ HP Community Nursery School	\$2,500
▪ Mother's Trust Foundation	\$2,000
▪ Tri-Con Child Care Center	\$3,000
▪ Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center	\$3,000
▪ North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic	\$1,000
▪ Family Services of Lake County	\$1,500
▪ Blessings in a Backpack	\$1,000
▪ Fenix Family Health Center	\$2,000
▪ A Safe Place	\$2,000
▪ SaLT	\$5,000
▪ NSSD 112 Education Foundation	\$3,000
▪ Highwood Public Library	\$5,000

5. **New Business:** Based on a discussion from last week's regular Club meeting, the Board discussed how to attract Interact parents and younger members. Neil provided the Board with the section of the bylaws that covers the types of membership, The discussion included promoting a bare minimum dues that would cover the RI required dues. The first

test will be of this evening's event at the HPHS to celebrate the Interact Seniors. Several of the Board members would be in attendance.

This also brought up the subject of attendance. We must do a better job of getting members back to the meetings. It was noted that several Board members were not in attendance today.

While speakers are attending in person, Club meetings will not be available on Zoom to members. The venue is not conducive for hosting a hybrid meeting. However, if the speaker would be joining via Zoom, then it is possible for members to join the Zoom. Past RI President John Germ will be speaking our club in May. Doris said there were members of the Northbrook Club who would like to attend that that meeting in person because one of their member's was an aide to PRIP Germ.

Karen then spoke to the Board about the tasks Mary Beth does for the Club. She will be stepping back from fundraising and virtual meeting coordinator. It was suggested that the Club pay for her lunch. The Board was in full agreement.

6. Committees. Committee Goals and Updates:

Programs: No report was available.

International: No report was available.

Membership: The Interact event that night is a chance to bring in Interact parents. The evening meetings are another opportunity. Michael has shared the invitation with Highwood Chamber of Commerce members.

7. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Submitted by: Mary Beth Bretzlauf, Stand-in Secretary
Reviewed by: Karen Dennis, President