



**Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**1:00 PM, In Person Meeting**  
**5/18/2022**

**Attendance.** Board members attending in person: Karen Dennis, Dale Mugler, Sandra Bast, Jim Berardi, Mike Babian, Eric Ephraim, Neil Dahlmann, Mary Beth Bretzlauf

Board members not attending: Paul Clements, Len Tenner, Ghida Neukirch, Scott Coren, Martha Gray, Doris Xie, and Phil Lazarus.

- 1. Welcome.** President Dennis welcomed everyone and commenced the meeting at 1:10 p.m.
- 2. Minutes & Treasurer's Report:** Eric Ephraim made a motion to accept the minutes and financial reports, Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Old Business. Membership** – The event at Casa de Isaac's next week will highlight the grant recipients and would be a great event to bring guests. The Club will cover the cost for one person from each charity to attend.  
**Financial Literacy** – Karen will approached Ron Borden to help Fred with the Financial Literacy program that starts up again in the fall.
- 4. New Business. Budget:** For next fiscal year, Karen suggested to Eric that his team look at this year's budget for guidance. She suggested Doris would be the perfect person to consult.

**Rotary Satellite Club:** This would be created for Interact parents. We received quite a few parents interested in Rotary. Eight members are needed to form a club. Dues could be structured differently. They would have their own meetings and officers, but each club would have a representative on its Board. They would be expected to work with us on community service projects and fundraising. Eric will reach out to Brad about forming this Club. Neil suggested he could help update our bylaws when this Satellite Club if formed.

**Ravinia Festival:** Mike said the events coordinator will be contacting him regarding an evening event. He is hoping it will be like last year on the BMO rooftop.

**Scholarships:** Jim reported they had three applicants. With only two scholarships to give out, (Frank Schwermin and Service Above Self) he was wondering if there was any money available to give out three. It was decided, the \$6,000 for the "Service Above Self" scholarship would be split since all three applicants were so deserving. Mary Beth will make certificates for the students to be presented to them Monday night by Eric. As in the past, check will be made out to the schools they will be attending, but given to the individual students for them to give to their college.

**5. Committees. Committee Goals and Updates:**

**Programs:** Paul Clements has speakers lined up for the next few weeks.

**International:** Phil was not available for an update.

**Interact:** Len was not available, but Karen said Ida will be sending an update soon.

**The Rotary Foundation:** Doris provided a report on our Club's donations to TRF. Just over 81% of our members are giving to TRF. Of the 81.4%, 58.1% are sustaining members. The average TRF giving is \$152.55.

**6. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Submitted by: Mary Beth Bretzlauf, Stand-in Secretary

Reviewed by: Karen Dennis, President