



**Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**1:00 PM, Hybrid Meeting**  
**10/13/2021**

**Attendance.** Board members attending in person: Karen Dennis, Len Tenner, Dale Mugler Martha Gray, Paul Clements, Eric Ephraim, Sandra Bast

Also attending via Zoom: Doris Xie, Mary Beth Bretzlauf

Board members not attending: Mike Babian, Neil Dahlmann, Phil Lazarus, Ghida Neukirch, Scott Coren.

- 1. Welcome.** President Dennis welcomed everyone and commenced the meeting at 1:03 p.m.
- 2. Minutes.** The Eric Ephraim motioned to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. Len Tenner seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
- 3. Financial Report.** The financial reports were reviewed. Prior to the meeting Neil suggested changes in the reports to reflect the current year to the previous year. That was agreed upon by the Board.
- 4. Old Business.**

**Summer Inn:** We are still waiting to hear from the owner about boxed lunches.

**Golf Outing:** Jim said that to have a more profitable golf outing he would need a team and begin planning earlier like early April. When asked if Francie plans events like galas, Jim, whose daughter Jackie works for Francie, said they do plan many galas in Chicago. Francie's cut is 10% of net proceeds.

**Gala:** Karen shared with the Board that only 29 dinner tickets had come in from members and only 48 raffle tickets. She encouraged everyone to return their RSVPs and raffle tickets.

Jon Levey has offered to donate a week at a condo in St. Maarten the week of December 18<sup>th</sup>. The Board thought the timing isn't favorable for the Gala. But perhaps a member would like to place a bid on it.

- 5. New Business.** Sandra shared with the Board the proposed changes with the bank accounts. The money market account with FBHP will be moved into a Business Advantage account with better earnings. Len made a motion that we do this, seconded by Eric, motion carried unanimously.

The Club will move forward with implementing online payment options for members and guests who would like to pay their dues, purchase program tickets, etc. This will be done through Clubrunner.

Len made a motion to set up an account with debit cards for the Interact advisors. Eric seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Paul Clements has volunteered to be the Club Champion for the environmental programs. He will be in communication with the District and Go Green Highland Park. Since Phil Lazarus is also looking to getting the TABU and Interact students involved, Paul will get in touch with Phil about any projects.

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

**Programs:** Paul Clements will be getting photos from Ida for the recent SaLT trip to New Orleans for the magazine, so we hope they can come to speak with us soon as well. He is waiting for a few responses to his invitations to speak.

**Rotary Foundation:** Doris Xie reported that TRF has a new system. Like with any new system they are working out the bugs. The earnings of their investments continue to do well.

**Interact:** Len Tenner proposed a budget of \$25,000 for Interact. This would include the \$13,600 stipend for the teachers/advisors and \$6110 for programs and transportation. We did receive the \$4800 from HPHS that the students had raised. Buses are still a problem since the district will not allow us to use them. One reason given was there is a lack of drivers. If needed some of the money could come from Charities.

Eric Ephraim seconded Len's motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**7. Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Submitted by: Mary Beth Bretzlauf, Stand-in Secretary

Reviewed by: Karen Dennis, President