



Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood
Board Meeting Minutes
1:00 PM, Hybrid Meeting
2/16/2022

Attendance. Board members attending in person: Karen Dennis, Paul Clements, Jim Berardi, Mike Babian, and Phil Lazarus.

Board Members attending via Zoom: Sandra Bast, Doris Xie, Eric Ephraim, Neil Dahlmann, Mary Beth Bretzlauf

Board members not attending:, Ghida Neukirch, Scott Coren, Len Tenner, Dale Mugler, Martha Gray,

1. **Welcome.** President Karen Dennis welcomed everyone and commenced the meeting at 1:05 p.m.
2. **Minutes:** Phil made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** The financial report is delayed and will be sent soon. Sandra would like to transfer funds to Brad & Ida's non-profits.
4. **Old Business.**

Summer Inn: Nothing is new with the status of restaurant. Shiming will keep Karen posted of any new developments.

Last Wednesday Meetings: Our first evening meeting will be March 30th at Del Rio. This event will include spouses and guests. Mike and Martha will try to invite newer business owners in Highland Park and particularly Highwood to this event. This event will also be an opportunity to present Paul Harris pins.

This last meeting of the month will also rotate venues to increase our exposure to the community. This idea came from the committee that met regarding meeting places and other options.

5. New Business.

Service Projects: Karen reported there is a matching funds opportunity through the District that we would lose if we don't take advantage of it. The amount the District is offering to match is \$948. There is an application to fill out and the deadline is June 15th.

Fred Orkin had proposed to the Board to restart the Financial Literacy Program. This was cancelled last year due to the pandemic. Phil suggested that this would be a good program to get the newer members involved. Karen suggested that a committee be formed to work on this to begin in the fall with the new school year.

Eric said his bank is all in for supporting this and we could contact Denise Bryant at FBHP when we are ready.

Neil supplied Karen with a breakdown of where community projects fall under the five avenues of service for Rotary. We do a great job with some of these areas but Karen felt there is more we can do. Now that RI has included the environment, more opportunities present themselves. Karen said there is a need to clean up junk near the HP Rec Center and the former golf course for a starter. Brian Romes should be contacted.

Attached: Neil's list

6. Committees. Committee Goals and Updates:

Programs: We have speakers through March 23rd.

International: Phil reported he has been in contact with David Boyd in Belfast. Northern Ireland is still on lockdown, but should soon be easing up next month. Because of the lockdown, they have not been able to stay in touch with the many schools in their area. Our two Clubs will revisit this exchange next year.

The Rotary Foundation: Doris provided an update on TRF programs and financials:

1. The Rotary Foundation received \$100 million Gates matching fund in January 2022 to continue sponsoring the PolioPlus grants;
2. The first Programs of Scale project of \$2 million started December 2020, supporting a malaria elimination program in Zambia;
3. As of FY22 December YTD, the Rotary International is \$3.5 million favorable to budget primarily due to fewer activities in travel, consulting, etc during the pandemic year; the Rotary Foundation is \$46.9 million favorable to budget primarily due to higher contributions, favorable [investment earnings](#) and [lower program expenses](#).

Youth Services: Jim reported that Mary Beth sent him the scholarship applications to be updated.

Fellowship: The Spring Equinox party at the Orkins in March is still on the table. It was also suggested that we look into another Ravinia night.

7. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

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

Rotary's 5 Avenues of Service

1. Club Service

- Club Administration (Meeting Planning, Speakers, Finance)
- Membership (Recruitment, Induction, Orientation & Involvement, Retain Current Members, Awards & Special Recognition, Sick List/Sympathy)
- Public Relations (Media Relations, Website)
- Fellowship & Social Events
- Fundraising for Club Projects
- Rotary Foundation

2. Vocational Service

- Focus on Networking

3. Community Service

- Charities (HP & Hwd)
- Community Projects

4. International Service

- International Projects
- TABU (Towards a Better Understanding)

5. Youth Service

- Interact Club
- Financial Literacy
- Literacy
- Rotary Youth Exchange
- Scholarships
 - College
 - Vocational
 - RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)

Rotary's 7 Causes:

- Promoting Peace
- Fighting Disease
- Providing Clean Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
- Saving Mothers & Children
- Supporting Education
- Growing Local Economies
- Protecting the Environment