



Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood
Board Meeting Minutes
4:00 PM, Hybrid Meeting
1/19/2022

Attendance. Board members attending in person: Karen Dennis, Len Tenner, Martha Gray, Jim Berardi, Phil Lazarus

Board Members present via Zoom: Doris Xie, Neil Dahlmann

Board members not attending:, Ghida Neukirch, Scott Coren. Dale Mugler, Paul Clements, Eric Ephraim, Sandra Bast, Mike Babian,

1. **Welcome.** President Dennis welcomed everyone and commenced the meeting at approximately 4:05p.m.
2. **Minutes/Financial Reports:** Len motioned the Board accept the minutes and financial reports as presented.
3. **Old Business.**

Summer Inn: We are still waiting to hear from Shiming when they will reopen. Jim shared that many members do not want to bring a lunch. A discussion followed about Miramar. Internet and parking are a concern, but they are open on Mondays if we go back to Mondays. That would be a decision for Eric. Jim said he would inquire about Miramar and get back to Karen.

Len suggested we go to monthly meetings on Zoom because we are not getting a variety of members attending. This would depend on whether Paul Clements has scheduled any Speakers.

Membership: Karen handed out the new brochure to help with recruitment. She felt that if we each tried to bring one new person it, that would be a great way to increase our membership. With the pandemic and the inability to have a real lunch, it is difficult to bring along prospective members.

4. **New Business.** There was no new business.
5. **Committees. Committee Goals and Updates:**

Interact: Len shared the 2022 goals from Ida and Brad for the students:

- **LOVE2LEARN:** Each Tuesday, 22 Interact students will meet at the Highwood Rec Center and tutor 22 students on math and reading while building a meaningful relationship and encourage to love to learn.
- **Boys and Girls Club of Lake County (Waukegan):** On Thursdays, Interact students will be working elementary students in the Waukegan area. The students get support completing their homework (Power Hour), arts and crafts, learning games and physical activity.
- **Interact Shoveling Crew:** We have 20 Interact students interested in shoveling, Please let Ida know if you know of a family in need of this service.
- **Pizza Delivery to support HPHS Charity Drive and Local Families**
- **Lake Bluff Open Lands:** The Interact students will be cutting and assisting of the removal of invasive species.

Youth Services/Scholarships: Jim wanted to know what the budgeted scholarship amount and what the protocol was. He has been in contact with Ron Becker from the high school. After the budget was referred to, it was determined \$22,000 has been allotted. This takes into consideration the \$6,000 from Trillium for the Fred Schwermin Scholarship. Of that scholarship money, \$10,000 is for our final year of commitment to CBO.

Len reminded the Board that RYLA applications were sent out and we would need money for that - \$3,000. This would make the total for scholarship/youth services expenses \$25,000. Phil mentioned that TABU will not be traveling to Northern Ireland this year since they are on pandemic lockdown and RI has suspended all international exchanges this year.

Jim proposed we move \$3,000 of the \$4,000 for TABU to scholarships for RYLA if it is needed. Len seconded the motion. Motion carried.

International: Phil reported that he was able to connect with David Boyd in N.I. They are locked down and many things are still up in the air for them. Many factors include Brexit and the borders as well as a lack of support from London. The Belfast Club is meeting remotely and less often. There has been no decision from them about TABU this spring.

Charities: Paul Munk asked about Charities. It is unclear who is in charge of this. Neil mentioned this is under Community Service in the organizational chart. Len said that earlier, it was determined we would postpone putting out the grant applications until April. Martha and Doris offered to help with selecting Charities when the time comes. There is \$25,000 slotted for Charities as well.

It was decided to table this item until the February Board meeting.

Community Service. Only a few people were scheduled to help out at the NIFB handout on Friday the 21st. Phil mentioned that he and his wife help deliver groceries for Shop N Drop. Martha expressed her interest in helping with that also.

Fellowship: Although Mike Babian wasn't present, it was discussed that the mid-March get-together at the Orkin's may get postponed again, pending pandemic surges, Moving it to a more favorable time of the year for outdoor gatherings was suggested.

6. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

7. Next meeting is February 16th. Time and place are yet to be determined.

Submitted by: Mary Beth Bretzlauf, Stand-in Secretary

Reviewed by: Karen Dennis, President