

Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood

Board Meeting Minutes 10:30 AM, Highland Park Country Club 11/5/18

1. Attendance. Board members attending were: Carrie Callas, Manu Khododad, Phil Lazarus, Joe Lolli, Jon Levey, Dale Mugler, Paul Munk, Ghida Neukirch, Mike Stroz.

Committee representatives included: Michael Babian, Len Tenner

Board members not attending: Yesim Sonmez.

- 2. Welcome. President Neukirch welcomed everyone and commenced the meeting at 10:32am.
- **3.** Change to Youth Services Chair. President Neukirch indicated that Yesim Sonmez reported she could no longer serve as Youth Services Chair due to work and personal obligations. President Neukirch asked Len Tenner who graciously agreed to serve as the Chair. Motion by Board Member Levey to support the change, second by Board Member Munk. Motion carried.
- **4. Treasurer's Report.** Jon Levey referenced the financial documents sent with the meeting minutes. The July-September report was reviewed. Jon reported that the Club currently has nearly half the cash it had one year ago.
- **5. HP150 Fundraising Update.** Paul Munk shared that \$500 was raised among Rotary members and the funding will purchase a brick to be displayed at City Hall, and recognition through various communication modes by the City.
- **6. Upcoming Service Projects.** Mike Stroz reported on upcoming events, which include the following:
 - Military Troop Care Packages: accepting donations for the packages at City Hall through 11/9.
 - Coat and Cold Weather Accessory Drive: donations can be dropped off at a Rotary luncheon or City Hall until 11/26.
 - MLK Day of Service in January. The initial project idea is to make bracelets with empowering messages. This will be confirmed.
- **7. Spring Fundraiser Update.** The group had a discussion about how to raise funds to replace the lost golf outing earnings. The ideas included increasing guests and sponsorships for the spring gala and a possible curling or paddle ball event.

President Neukirch will follow-up with Exmoor Country Club about an event.

- **8. Upcoming Monthly Calendar.** Board Member Mugler referenced the upcoming event calendar. Events are scheduled into January 2019.
- **9. Membership Dues Consideration.** Board Member Sonmez and Rotarian Esra requested that the Board consider a new membership structure for members who cannot attend regular meetings. The Board determined that this is already reflected in the current due structure in the by-laws since members only pay for lunches they attend.
- **10. Fellowship/Membership.** Joe Lolli shared recruitment ideas for the Board to consider and shared recent efforts to recruit new members.

An event planning meeting for the Friends of Rotary event that Fred Orkin is leading will be held 11/19 at 1pm at Highland Park Country Club.

11. Other Business. Mike Babian shared that a holiday dinner gathering is being planned for December 13 or 14. More details to come.

Len Tenner inquired about whether our Club would be interested in supporting a shortfall from an Interact Club fundraising event for the Special Olympics. The Board determined that it does not have the funds to supplement a shortfall.

12. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:33am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Callas, Secretary Reviewed by Ghida Neukirch, President