

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board  
**Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood**  
October 31, 2016

- 1. Attendance.** Board members attending were: Mike Babian, Larry Block, Neil Dahlmann, Karen Dennis, Paul Munk, Fred Orkin, Cynthia Plouché, Yesim Sonmez, Diana Sotelo, and Len Tenner.

Board members not attending were: Carolyn Cerf, Joanne Gordon, Martha Gray, and Ghida Neukirch.

- 2. Minutes** of 9/19/2016 meeting were approved.

- 3. President's Report.** Cynthia requested Board approval to have Cynthia & Martha send a letter requesting year-end donations for TABU to all Club members and parents of past TABU students. The Board approved.

The nominating committee was elected by the membership at our Club meeting on October 31. Those elected are: Karen Dennis, Pete Koukos, Joe Lolli, Frank Lomoro, & Bill Siskel. The committee should select nominees for: president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and 5 board members for 2-year terms. Nominations are to be made at our meeting on November 28, and officers & directors should be elected at our meeting on December 5. Those elected will take office on July 1.

- 4. Treasurer's Report.** Diana reported that as of Sept. 30 the Club had \$80,808 in its bank accounts, and \$1,916 in unpaid member invoices.

Of the money in our bank accounts, Len said we still have \$3,825 of District grant money left from the Backpack Program. He asked the District if they want the money refunded, but got no response. The Board decided the funds will stay with the Club as restricted funds that will be put to use for the same purpose as was originally intended (though the recipient may be different).

**5. Committee Reports**

**Charities.** Winter Coats: Paul said he'll find a couple of Rotarians to help the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff club pass out coats.

Len said he'll contact HP schools about coats, and he moved that up to \$1,500 be authorized to provide coats if there is a demonstrable need. The Board approved.

**Community Service.**

**Fellowship.** Mike said the Rosewood fellowship event was very successful, thanks to Frank Vena, Frank Lomoro, and Sunset Foods.

The Holiday Party will be in December. Details to follow.

**Fundraising.** See above President's Report.

**Interact.**

## **International.**

**Literacy.** Fred said the local DECA competition is coming. A number of our members helped last year as judges, and they'd like help again this year.

DECA is an international association of over 275,000 students and teachers. DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in high school & colleges for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management.

**Membership.** Larry said that Kim Thill will be a new member. She is the Director of Business and Community Development at Aperion Care Highwood.

## **Programs.**

### **Publicity.**

**Rotary Foundation.** Len said that to celebrate TRF's (The Rotary Foundation's) 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, he will arrange a future meeting with spouses and a speaker from TRF. All funds raised will go to TRF.

**Scholarships.** Yesim said RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) will have two retreats in Spring 2017 (March 9-12 and April 6-9). Information about RYLA is available on the D6440 website at <http://rotary6440.org>

## **Youth Exchange.**

6. Upcoming events:
- 11/16 Troop Care Package event
  - 11/21 Board Meeting
  - 11/28 Nominations for officers & directors for 2017-18
  - 12/5 Election of officers & directors for 2017-18
  - 12/? Holiday Party

Respectfully submitted,  
Neil Dahlmann, Secretary