

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Highland Park County Club
December 09, 2019
1:00 PM

Attendance. Board members attending were: Jeff Colman, Scott Coren, Eric Ephraim, Manu Khodadad, Jon Levey, Paul Munk, Dale Mugler, Ghida Neukirch, Jenanne Rock, Dick Stone. Also attending were Michael Babian and Len Tenner.

1. Call to order. President Munk called the meeting to order at 1:07

2. Approval of 10/28/19 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes: Eric, Second: Manu, All in favor: All. Minutes approved.

3. Paul Munk recognized that the Secretary position needs to be approved by the board as Jenanne Rock is stepping in for Carrie Callas to finish out the remainder of her term and effective Dec. 1st through July 1, 2020 when the terms are set to start. Jon Levey motioned to approve, Jeff Colman second. Motion was unanimously approved

4. New Business. New location options are needed as the prices are going to increase at HP Country Club location, and a rental fee will be imposed Current restaurants contacted are:

- Back Yard Grill
- Real Urban BBQ
- Cluckers – only one that followed specific requests and so far has the best prices
- Bella Via – expressed interest, in process of scheduling a meeting

Paul and Dale are waiting on a response from Michael's, the caterer who will be the exclusive food vendor at HPCC as of 1/1/20. Paul scheduled first few meetings in January at MYA – Midwest Young Artists Conservatory, to ensure we have a place

Important to note that days/times are flexible for meetings. Mondays seems like they are not great for anyone, but certainly conflicts exist with other days so determining what is best for the majority and seeing what the meeting venues have to say remains a priority.

5. Treasurer's Report (Jon). The financial statements and accounts receivable reports were reviewed. Funds are in better place than last year. Also P&L is showing \$18,000 , last year at this time was at \$0. There are outstanding member fees that need to be paid.

5. Fellowship. Friday party reminder to bring a dish to pass based on your last name and send baby photo's to Mary Beth. MLK Day booth is set for Jan. 20th.

4. Committee Reports

- a. **Interact (Len):** Feed My Starving Children and MLK Day events are the two upcoming events.
- b. **International (Jeff):** SaLT Puerto Rico that was already budgeted for Has been moved from December to July due to a variety of scheduling conflicts. Consequently, the trip will now need to be financed from the 2020 Budget. Paul informed Brad Swanson and Ida Fiore that we need to see where budget is for 2020 before making a firm commitment. TABU – school sent email to last year's participants that will be hosting incoming students from Belfast. All hosts are now required by Rotary to have a background check and fingerprint through district 113 admin office.
- c. **Membership (Eric):** Initially planned to hold joint meeting with Interact, this was scrapped due to lack of sponsor support. Actively sought out Interact parents to be involved in focus groups – one has expressed some interest in joining. Separately, a few other Interact parents are potential for new members. We continue to target midcareer professionals/Interact parents.
- d. **Programming (Dick):** Our speakers are booked through end of year.
- e. **Rotary Foundation (Manu):** Nothing new to report. Jack Blane Challenge is currently ongoing, matching \$500 donations for first time Paul Harris pin recipients. Paul and Len asked Manu to supply a list of names eligible to participate in this program.
- f. **Scholarships/RYLA (Paul):** 2 HPHS students participated in RYLA session this fall and an additional student registered in for the fall session. Trillium Foundation Board will be meeting later this month, and the expectations are that they will meet our request and continue to fund the Frank Schwermin Scholarship for a HPHS Senior who plans to continue studies in a healthcare field.

5. Old Business

- a. **January Fundraiser Ideas:** Discussed the ideas of a chili cook-off or an NCAA football championship viewing party as possible options Jan. 13th. There are challenges associated with both. Paul informed the board that the chili cook-off execution was complex as the county food inspector needs to be involved. He recommended shelving the idea and focusing on the Gala fundraising event. The board concurred.
- b. **Gala:** Honoring Dan and Rhoda Pierce, focus this year will be to ensure members sell raffle tickets and that the club increases both the number and donations from corporate sponsors. Ideas on how to bring in more fundraising opportunities to

this year's Gala were highlighted. The Gala Planning Committee will be formed in early January and charged with execution of the event.

6. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:06. Motion to adjourn: Eric, Second: Dick. All in Favor: All.

Submitted by: Jenanne Rock, Secretary

Reviewed by: Paul Munk, President