



**Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**10:30 AM, Highland Park Country Club**  
**9/17/18**

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

Committee representatives included Len Tenner, Michael Babian and Magdalena Wrobel.

Board members not attending were: Mike Stroz and Yesim Sonmez.

**2. Welcome.** President Neukirch welcomed everyone and commenced the meeting at 10:34am.

**3. Treasurer's Report.** Jon Levey referenced the financial documents sent with the meeting minutes. The group agreed that moving forward, Donna will start providing a report on expenses vs. budget.

**4. Rotary at Rosewood.** Mike Babian mentioned that the event will be held September 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm at Rosewood Beach. Members can register by contacting Mike.

**5. Upcoming Service Projects.** President Neukirch shared Mike Stroz's report on upcoming events, which include the following:

September 27: HP Park District tree decorating event at 4pm

September 29: Beach clean-up with Interact Club

October 4: Dinner with Dignity at St. James (need 2 Rotary members to volunteer) from 5:30-8

January: MLK Day of Service. We will need to share our project idea with the organizers to ensure there is not project duplication. If board members have recommendations, please contact Mike or Ghida.

**6. Upcoming Monthly Calendar.** Board Member Mugler highlighted several upcoming events on the calendar.

Sept. 17: Lake County States Attorney and Lake County Children's Advocacy Center

Sept. 24: Michael Lubelfeld, District 112 Superintendent

October 1: Midwest Young Artists as speaker and host lunch

October 8: No lunch meeting due to Columbus Day

October 15: Gabrielle Cummings, Highland Park Hospital President

**7. Event for Interact Parents.** President Neukirch shared that Yesim has volunteered to take the lead on an evening Rotary event for members. Interact parents would be invited to attend as well as the general public. It was agreed that the event should be planned the earliest in the first week of

December, due to other Rotary events and activities, and to give sufficient time to promote the evening meeting and social. It was also suggested that a service project at the meeting be considered versus having a speaker/keynote program. The Board agreed that a target program for professionals who work in the City and other locations (i.e. Fred's suggestion for possible Rotarians) be held separately. President Neukirch will follow-up with Fred about this initiative.

**8. Financial Request from Northbrook Rotary Club.** The Board did not approve the funding request from the Northbrook Rotary Club.

**9. HP150 Sponsorship Opportunity.** Board approved sponsoring the event at the \$500 level (President Neukirch recused herself from the vote). Rotary members who are interested in contributing to the effort will be encouraged to do so.

**10. Other Business.** The Rotary Youth Assembly is being held on November 10 in Arlington Heights. There was a request from the Interact Club that Rotary Club fund Interact Board members and their sponsors, plus Past President Sonmez (Youth Services Chair) to participate in the event, which would cost a total of \$340. The Board approved the request.

President Neukirch shared that the Club consider a "Rotary Day" as a fundraiser/public relations event. The Board discussed a possible spring event. The idea of a carnival was discussed. President Neukirch will solicit information from the Buffalo Grove carnival and Jon Levey will solicit information from the Highwood carnival.

Carrie Callas shared that on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, Rotary members are invited to a special plaque dedication ceremony at Family Service of Lake County Nuestro Center to honor the Rotary Club's funding of the computer lab. Rotary was one of two funders of the project, both of which will be honored.

Len Tenner requested approval that our Rotary Club allow the processing of occasional donations for an individual who provides food to homeless shelters in the City of Chicago. Since the organizer is not established as a 501c(3) organization, she is seeking support of the Rotary Board to process the financial checks which would be minimal. There was discussion that Rotary has experience with this and has done this in the past. The Board approved the request pending a written description of the request.

Joe Lolli provided an update of the recent outreach to recruit new members.

**11. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:27am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Callas  
Secretary

Reviewed by Ghida Neukirch, President