

**ROTARY CLUB OF HIGHLAND PARK
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19,2016**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Cynthia at 1pm. In attendance were Len Tenner, Paul Munk, Bob Morgan, Diana Sotelo, Ghida Neukirch, Yesim Sonmez, Michael Babian, Fred Orkin, Martha Gray.

Upon a motion made by Paul Munk and seconded by Martha Gray, the minutes of the meeting of August 8, were approved.

President Cynthia commented on the Golf Outing. Net earnings were \$2500 short of budget. Francie Portnoy's performance was fine and worth what we paid. In order to increase revenues we will have to find a way to increase the number of sponsors and what they pay. Also, we need to think of ways we can raise more money, eg. auction, raffle, ? from attendees. When all the detailed information is complete, we will discuss how to raise more money at this event (if that is possible).

Diane Sotelo distributed Financial Statements. There were no questions or further comments.

Committee Reports

Charities-Paul Munk reported that the committee is in "hibernation". We gave the Legal Aid Clinic \$3,000 this past year to hire a person dedicated to assisting needy children. Paul is asking for metrics as to what has been accomplished. It was suggested that they be invited to a future meeting to report on their progress.

Community Projects/Interact-Ghida Neukirch has linked us with Interact to work at the Special Olympics on 10/15. We will be manning a water station from 8:30-10:30 and 10:30-12:30. We are supporting "Care" packages for our troops abroad. Currently there are 10 collection stations gathering donations. Packing will be at HPHS on 11/16 with Interact. The cost to sponsor the mailing of a box is \$20. It was suggested that we ask all our members to volunteer \$20 each in support of the program.

Fellowship-Michael Babian is looking into 3 programs. A social "hour" at Isaac and

Moishes in Highland park on the first Monday in November; a session at the Rosewood Beach Interpretive Center some time this fall; a "potluck" dinner where the hosts pay for the food and members+friends buy tickets to attend with the money going to the Club's Scholarship program.

International-Martha Gray reported that she and Cynthia met with Tom Kouleres and Ms. Stillwell to review the student selection process. Martha distributed a booklet used by the Belfast Club for their students. It contains a code of conduct which is signed by each traveler. It was suggested we consider using a similar document. The 2017 trip is March 21 thru March 31. Cynthia has volunteered to attend. We are looking for two more Rotarians from our Club to make the trip. We are going to request a teacher other than Lindsay Choy who has made the trip at least four times

Literacy-Fred Orkin reported that our Literacy program is a "go". The starting date will be early October. The First Bank of HP again will provide financial sponsorship. Fred was asked to get an update on the Spanish Language books we have been bringing to D112. It was suggested that Asst. Supt. Jennifer Ferrari come and report.

Programming-Bob Morgan reported that Wes Lindahl, Dean of the Business School at North Park will speak to the club on MBA's for **Non-Profits**. This may be of interest to other Clubs, and it was suggested that we invite other area Rotary Clubs. Also, we should publicize the talk. Bob was asked to work with Carolyn Cerf to publicize the event. Bob also is asking all speakers to provide their own introductions.

Membership-With the continued absence of Larry Block and Joanne Gordon, Paul Munk will coordinate activities and all members of the Board will pitch in to help.

Public Image-Carolyn Cerf was not present.

Rotary Foundation-Len Tenner reported that the Foundation now excludes 1st year Rotarians from its determination of the percentage of members who are Paul Harris fellows. On that basis we were 100% as of year end. There also is a measurement of the number of members who contribute at least \$100. per year. We have one member who has not met that requirement.

Scholarships/Ryla-Yesim Sonmez reported that Scholarships award are complete. No other activity is planned for now.

New Business-Martha Gray reminded us of the Shredding event being hosted by Coldwell Banker. A flier was sent to the membership. It will be held on Saturday, October 1, at the Highland Park office on 2nd Street. There is no limit on the amount to be shredded.

Old Business-There was no old business.

Upon a motion made by Fred Orkin and seconded by Yesim Sonmez the meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

Next Board Meeting is October 17

Respectfully submitted,
Len Tenner
9/20/2016