

Springfield Rotary Club BOARD Meeting

August 3, 2023

Sr. Solutions Conference Rm

12:05 to 1:00 PM

DRAFT Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Emma, Deb, Karen, Ed, Marty, Jeff

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sue

Minutes: Motion by Marty, seconded by Karen to accept the minutes of the July board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Marty, seconded by Karen to accept the treasurer's report. Discussion: To date, 15 members have paid their dues. Two out of five web sponsors have paid. Paul Kendall has resigned his membership. Emma will reach out to see if Paul would like to be an honorary member. Approved.

Old Business:

- Chester Club: Emma has received some feedback. Since no decision has to be made until next year, we will continue to explore how we can help.
- Rotary District Grant: We have been notified that we will receive \$1000, with a \$1000 match by the club, towards the new football bleacher project.
- Board Directors: Emma is still looking for two directors to serve on the board.
- Trex Plastics Challenge: Third bench is being installed in Union Park Neighborhood. We have collected 351 pounds of plastic film towards the 500 pounds needed for our fourth bench which will be given to Black Rock Action Team. To date, 1967 pounds of plastic film has been removed from the waste stream, delivered to Shaw's Supermarket, and heading to Trex Company for recycling. The success of the project is putting a strain on the library. We need to solicit help from members to sort the plastic. Karen will contact Scott Farr to see if the school can be involved.
- YMCA Summer Backpack project: Karen reported that the project continues to be well received. Twenty bags of food are distributed each week.
- 95 Books: Karen will plan a presentation to donate 95 books to various entities to commemorate the club's 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

New Business:

1. Rotary International Dues: Motion by Deb, seconded by Karen to pay the Rotary International dues of \$1949.64.
2. Rotary Global Grants: Emma will review Rotary Global grants to ascertain any that would be of interest to the club.
3. Prospective members: We do not have a policy to help potential members unable to pay dues.
4. Penny Sale: Emma contacted last year's committee members and was not able to identify a chair for this year's Penny Sale which will take place on 10/21. Jeff will order tickets. Karen will update posters. Ed will reserve chairs. Emma will contact Chester Rotary Club to see if they will provide food wagon. Emma will contact Taylor to get a current list of businesses to solicit for prizes.
5. CPCC sound system: Emma will check if CPCC has a sound system for our meetings.
6. Post Office Box: Jeff checks the po box weekly. Dues payments have been sent to the po box. Ed reported that he received positive feedback from Joe Sorrentino for the card sent by the board last month.
7. Membership Engagement: Marty will distribute a list of active members that have not attended a meeting for a while so that board members can reach out to find out how they are doing.
8. Upcoming Programs: 8/8 – Jeff will solicit a speaker. NOTE: both Marty and Ed will not be able to attend. Liz will collect money; 8/15 - No speaker identified yet. Emma will not be able to attend. Deb will run meeting; 8/22 – No speaker identified yet. 8/29 – Club social in Karen's home.

NEXT MEETING: September 7 at Senior Solutions Conference Room.

Motion by Marty, seconded by Karen to adjourn. Approved.