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**Rotary Club of North Canton**

**Board Meeting**

**March 19th, 2025 (Twisted Citrus)**

Attendees: Jeannine, Sandi, Darren, Paul, Jim, Matt, Brent, Jeff

1. Minutes from last month’s Board meeting:
   1. Motion to approve: B. Fatzinger,2nd – J. Shambaugh, all in favor
2. President’s Remarks: Paul B.
   1. Committee Responsibilities
      * + Brent made a draft document outlining this. Recommendation is to review it and personalize it to North Canton Rotary to make it ours.
   2. By-Laws Review
      * + To be presented at next club assembly with an ask to approve
   3. Mark DeChellis Rotary Foundation Scholarship
      * + Brent had a recommendation to look into becoming a 100% club (where all members are Paul Harris Fellows) in honor of Mark DeChellis (would fit with his desire as well). Matt looked into the PHF points and determined that as a club, we have a lot of points available (~11k) that could be shared to help with this cause, if members are willing to share their points. We’ll look into a hybrid plan that includes some monetary donation from the club to go with points awards to help us become a 100% club. When assigning points to become a PHF, the Foundation does not get any more funds. Our thought is that points assignment WITH a monetary donation will help us become a 100% AND help the Foundation raise funds, in Mark’s name/honor.
   4. North Canton City Issue 4
      * + The City will be presenting to the Club 4/10. It was determined as a Board that we/Rotary will NOT commit to donating to the construction of the Fire Station PRIOR to voting. We may consider an equipment purchase, specific project, etc. IF/AFTER the levy passes and the project gets the green light.
   5. District Grant 2025 / Boy Scouts
      * + Consideration for us to apply on behalf of the Boy Scouts for the 2025 District Grant to help them repair/update their storage building by the Blue Coats. Jason Kolp has been a huge supporter of the flags program and the Scouts handle all flags from Maple St, South. This could be a small gesture of helping them back.
3. Treasurer’s Report-J. Pelot
   1. Jan/Feb are big income months. Chili Open will net approximately $25,000.
   2. February report Motion to approve -M. Leuenberger ,2nd - J. Conley, all in favor Yes except J. Shambaugh NO
   3. Collaboration with Hoover H.S./Sideliners/Booster Clubs
      * + Jeff explained the concept that if we worked with the booster club, then when we get asked by smaller, school groups, we could refer them to the booster club and we could (financially) support the booster club to help fund.
   4. DeChellis-Paul Harris Club Match – See 2. c. above
   5. Plan for Club spending goals
   6. Account Tracking / Finance Folder
      * + We/Finance Committee need to come up with a process for handling donation asks. We would review donation requests to see if they fit with our mission and then present these to the BOD for approval. We could look to require groups to complete a grant questionnaire (as some other clubs do) so we get a complete picture of how the funds would be used. We will also look to store all financial documents (minutes, budgets, bank statements, etc.) in one place (OneDrive) so anyone can access as needed.
4. Avenues of Service:
   1. Club Administration –D. Mars
      1. Programs—S. Lang
         * Bob Dibiasio will be April 24th. Program is booked through April.
      2. Member Involvement
   2. Community Service – D. Faye
      1. International – D. LaHaie
         * Brent brought up the collaboration with the school regarding the Exchange program. So far, 2 families have expressed interest in possibly hosting a student. The plan is to get an informational meeting on the calendar that we can invite them and other families interested in learning more about how it works with the ultimate goal of building a network of families that can stand the test of time in building out a self-sustaining program of families so we can bring exchange students into the NC community each year. Tim Walker recommended we have a table at the Fall Orientation to talk about it, but we would need to do something sooner for the 2025-26 school year.
         * International Project with Peru Rotary – John Clark emailed his report to DF. Ana’s parents club is doing a project for a local nursing home improvement. We are not sure this fits with what we were thinking would be an international project so we’ll look at some other options to consider.
      2. Vocational -Chaz P.
      3. Character Counts – Paul B.
         * Program at April 3rd meeting
   3. Membership – J. Shambaugh
      * + - She is talking to Santana Lopez about another Alive After 5 event with the Chamber. The next event is the same day as Bob Dibiasio so there is discussion about whether having two cluc events on the same day would work.
   4. Public Image – J. Conley
   5. Foundation – M. Leuenberger
      * + 20 members contributed to the Foundation last year

1. Old Business
   1. Service date for Canton Challengers / April 5th
      * + They will be doing the work themselves. We could look to see if there is a group of Rotarians available that day to help. D. Faye will send a note to membership.
   2. Member spotlight
   3. Peace Project – R. Rodak) –
      * + Brent brought up from the TAP meeting, 5/1 Day of Prayer – Ministerial Association – we could look to participate/support this
   4. ROTARACT (Marc Fusaro)
2. New Business
   1. Fly the Flag Committee
      * + March 27th Club Assembly that day to talk flags. DD is currently fixing the flags. We will explain the program and how it works so new members can understand what we do and how the Base Marking project works. Bill Skarren has been helping Brent with spreadsheet entries/updates as people sign up. Brent is looking for help to run the Base Marking project (maybe Sarah H can help?)
   2. Chili Open Committee-2026
      * + 30 Yrs./ February 21st, 2026?
        + Paul will confirm Ben’s intent for leading 30th year (2026). D. Faye will set up a team in Teams to help coordinate committees, tasks, etc.
3. Next Board Meeting: April 23rd, 2025 – moved date as Paul is on vacation prior week

1. Adjournment: