

Rotary Club of Buffalo / Buffalo Rotary Foundation

Board October 15th, 2024

Attendance: Craig Boysen, Chris Husom, Dirk Foster, Paul Downer, Suzanne O'Dell. Absent: Scott Thielman, Debbie Uecker.

Minutes: September minutes were unavailable to approve

Treasurer's report. Report was reviewed. Stellis still owes for raffle. Board decided to stay with CliftonLarsonAllen for tax reporting purposes. Board would like Rob Stark with Edward Jones to report on our Buffalo Rotary Foundation investment account. Discussed capping corporate membership to only two members. Motion made by Dirk to approve financial report, seconded by Chris. Motion passed.

New Business

1. Board positions still open: Community Service Director and Membership/Networking Director.
2. New member: Eric Erlandson. Motion made to accept by Chris, seconded by Paul. Motion passed.
3. Possible Project: Veteran's Park. Paul will contact the city regarding the status of the park and possibility of Rotary landscaping the area. Who will maintain? Will this be a District grant project?
4. Prime Advertising: Rotary ad in the 2025 Buffalo Chamber Directory. Changes were reviewed. Motion made to submit a ¼ page ad for \$616 by Dirk, seconded by Chris. Motion carried.
5. World Polio Day is October 24th. Chris wrote an article to be placed in the Wright County Journal Press.

Funding Requests: Board discussed making changes to the "Dollar Amount Requesting" line on the form. The following will be added: Total Cost, Fully Funded or Partial Funded, Condition upon enough funds to do project.

- **Cub Scouts Troop 358** - \$2,800. Motion made by Dirk to award \$1,500, seconded by Paul. Motion carried.
- **Buffalo Historical Society** \$3,670. Motion made by Dirk to award \$500, seconded by Paul. Motion carried.
- **Buffalo E-Free Church** - \$2,000. Motion made by Chris to award \$1,000, seconded by Dirk. Motion carried.
- **Rotary Zone 33/34** – Hurricane relief fund. Motion made by Dirk to award \$300, seconded by Craig. Motion carried.
- **Wright County Geeks** - \$500. Request denied due to lack of motion.

Chair Reports

- Membership/Networking:
- Grants/Projects: Paul Downer
- Foundation: Scott Thielman
- Youth Services: Dirk Foster:
 - a. Outbound exchange student presentation was made at BHS. Two students were interested.

- b. Board directed Dirk to participate in exchange student camp every other year. Our next year would be 2026.
 - c. Dirk informed North Star Exchange that we would like another exchange student for 2026-27. Prefer European student.
 - d. Camp Enterprise is October 31-Nov 2. Two students have been chosen. Need drivers.
 - e. Juliette is having issues with her host family not transporting her to dance. Dirk to work on issue.
- Community Services:
 - Club Administration: Chris Husom. Possible interest in joining: Anchor Recovery and Eric Ebeling (Thrivent).

Meeting adjourned