

Rotary Club of Buffalo / Buffalo Rotary Foundation Board Meeting Minutes, March 18, 2026

Meeting called to order at 10:50 by Christine Husom. Present: Suzanne O'Dell, Malia Glowitz, Paul Downer, Craig Boysen, Mike Walsh, Shaun Corbin. Absent: Chelsie Schmid and Scott Thielman.

Agenda, with added items: Buffalo Parade, Scholarships, and new Chromebook. Motion to approve by Suzanne, 2nd by Mike, motion carried.

Approval of Board and Foundation minutes. Motion by Shaun, 2nd by Craig, motion carried.

No Treasurer's Reports.

Old Business:

- Area 7 Invitation in Rogers 3-25—Chris will attend.
- Reminder: No May 13th meeting.
- Suzanne has lined up alternate meeting sites during Discovery School renovations, mid-June to mid-August.
- Paul has signed up to attend a grant management seminar.
- Northstar Exchange program July 9-12: we have one host family, and need three more for four boys and four girls, total.

New Business:

- Club Experience Workshop notes. We discussed conducting a club survey and decided to offer both print and electronic copies for members. They can fill out one or the other. Questions will cover member satisfaction, ideas for speakers and anything else they'd like to see. Malia and Chris will put a sample together for the board to approve.
- Rotary Olympics: a membership drive by the District to help motivate clubs. They'd like feedback by May.
- We have a new member Brian Nutter, and three potential corporate members we waiting to hear back from.
- BRAIL: Chris will give updates at the meeting.
- We agreed to be in the Buffalo Days Parade on June 20th.
- Scholarships: We give \$1,000 to Wright Tech students (\$500 each), and \$4,000 to BHS. In 2023, a \$1,000 scholarship went unclaimed. Motion was made by Suzanne, 2nd by Paul to make that part of the BHS \$4,000 gift. Motion carried.

Funding Requests

- Buffalo Youth Anglers Club: Suzanne made a motion to give them a \$1,000 grant, 2nd by Malia. Motion carried.
- Andrew's Splash Pad: Paul has been in contact with them They have many water features they hope to fund. Since it is late in the year, we'll wait until the 2026-27 Rotary year to contact other clubs for grants, in hopes we can raise up to \$15,000.

Chair Reports

- Grants/Projects: Paul Downer: see above.
- Foundation: Suzanne O'Dell: no updates.
- Youth Services: Mike Walsh: Joao is interested in RYLA, and will check to see if he can get in. We have one Short Term Exchange Program (STEP) student will be going to Finland and one coming from Finland. They stay with each other's families.
- Club Administration: Suzanne O'Dell: no updates.
- Community Services: Malia Glowitz: will work on survey.
- Membership/Networking: Scott Thielman: see above.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35.***After the meeting ended, given the Rotary laptop trouble, Suzanne made a motion and Craig 2nd to spend up to \$250 on a new Chromebook. Motion carried. Shaun will order one.