

Rotary Club of Buffalo / Buffalo Rotary Foundation

May 21, 2025

Attendance: Suzanne O'Dell, Chris Husom, Scott Thielman, Craig Boysen, Dirk Foster, and Paul Downer

Call to Order

1. Board and Foundation minutes approved and passed: Husom/Foster
2. Treasurer's Reports for Board and Foundation approved and passed: Thielman/Husom. Currently the club is operating in the red. Ways to increase/decrease funding were discussed. Craig will research the issue and will discuss it at June's meeting.

New Business

- New Member: Malia Foster-Glowitz was approved for individual membership: Thielman/Husom. Foster abstained.
- New Member: Mark Stevens was approved for individual membership: Thielman/Downer
- Potential member Karna Kleven, Farmers Ins, has attended twice. Thielman will connect with her: 651-433-6685
- Monticello Rotary 70 years – Party in Park on 6-30-25. Suzanne will have the members sign a congratulations card and mail to the club.
- Buffalo Lions 80 years in 2025-26: Suzanne will invite Lions members to attend Rotary. Suzanne will have members sign a congratulations card and send it to the club in July.
- Buffalo Bulldogs Baseball: Rusty Kath/Coach Braun has invited us to have a Rotary Night at their June 11th game. Rotarians and family members get in free. Rotary accomplishments and information will be announced throughout the game. 7 pm at Bentfield Mills ballpark.

Old Business

- Parade – 800 pinwheels (n/c), 800 frisbees (n/c), 1,000-suckers \$468.17
- Buffalo Rotary Officers for 2025-26
 - Chris Husom – President
 - Suzanne O'Dell – Past President
 - Craig Boysen-Pres-Elect
 - Shaun Corbin- Treasurer
 - Mike Walsh – Youth Exchange
 - Secretary – Chelsie Schmid
 - Membership - Scott Thielman
 - Malia Foster-Glowitz (if membership is approved) - Community Service
- Board members have been contacting various members regarding board positions.

Dirk-Mark O., Diane E., Sue O., Ryan T.

Paul- Eric E., Rod M., Lee R.

Debbie-Bob L., Brian L., Chelsie S., Melissa U.

Suzanne-Benjoy S.

Chris-Warren S., Chris S., Lisa Z., Ashley N.

Funding Requests

- Mango Community Family Farm – Brooklyn Center Rotary #2103. Foster motioned to approve \$500, Downer seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Senegal Global Grant- water project, Maple Grove Rotary. Denied due to lack of motion.
- Beds for Kids: Boysen approved and Thielman seconded to cover the tax expenses for Beds for Kids. Motion carried
- Timber Bay = Rotary will not cover operating expenses for new building project. Suggest that Timber Bay submit a funding request for general needs.

Chair Reports

- Grants/Projects: Paul Downer: completed grant training. The city's Veteran Park is moving forward. Should happen in the Buffalo Rotary 2025-26 year.
- Foundation: Scott Thielman: currently Buffalo has donated \$9,600 this year, not including online donations.
- Youth Services: Dirk Foster: District is looking at a District Youth Exchange Student cell phone package. Buffalo will use this option if available.
- Club Administration: Chris Husom: Attended PETS, with 10 hours of online attendance.
- Community Services:
- Membership/Networking:

Adjournment

NEXT BOARD MEETING – June 18, 2025, 10:45 – 11:45am – RODEO GROUNDS!!