**Board Meeting Minutes – January 2024**

**Present at meeting**: Lauren Torres, Cathy Garr, Richard Sgaglio, Bob Praid, Sabrina Murphy, Bob Manheimer, Michele Thomas, Julie Katan

**Following are topics discussed at our last Board meeting held on January 22nd:**

* Those present at the meeting voted unanimously to approve the December Meeting Minutes.
* Richard S. provided an update on Rye’s Above, noting that he had a “first call” PR meeting with the Rye Arts Center to discuss a schedule for advertising and promoting our joint community arts project.
* Cathy G. reported that she had made arrangements with Angela Yusi at the DPW to drop off our two new Rotary Wheel street signs that morning directly after our meeting. (Update: Signs were dropped off and have been installed.)
* Julie K. shared that she had two possible guest speakers for upcoming meetings:
  + Matt Ambrogi, Chapter Co-President of SHP (Sleep in Heavenly Peace) Beds, an organization that builds and delivers full furnished beds to families in need; and
  + a representative from RFE (Rye Fund for Education) which is a non-profit corporation that supports academics, arts and athletics and Rye City Schools.
* Julie proposed doing a “Mini Bingo” fundraiser at one of our upcoming meetings since we are too busy with other projects this year to replicate the successful Bingo fundraiser Michele spearheaded last year. Lauren and Julie talked about doing a “getting to know you” segment at upcoming meetings.
* We discussed a possible date for the Sportsmanship Award Luncheon and decided to see if Tuesday, May 21st worked for all parties involved. Lauren said she will reach out to Eric Byrne to propose either a 9 AM meeting at the Osborn or noon lunch at Whitby.

(Update: Both Eric and Susan Reid Dullea, Athletic Director for Rye Schools, have indicated that May 21st works for them and either of those times are acceptable. Additionally, we now know the names of both players from each team who were chosen by the opposing team as having best displayed the qualities of sportsmanship during the rivalry game. Those players are: Shepherd Griffiths from the Rye Garnets and Christian Barchella from the Harrison Huskies).

* Returning to the topic of Rye’s Above, it was noted that the Auction Gala is scheduled for Thursday, September 19th.
* Michele shared that she and members of the PolioPlus group would be holding a first meeting on February 1st. PolioPlus is a grant program that is part of Rotary International’s polio eradication campaign.
* Julie shared that she had reached out to Wells Fargo regarding a sponsorship of Rye’s Above. Additionally, she mentioned that Mike Regina of State Farm would be joining an upcoming meeting and that he has shown interest in joining our Club.
* Lauren’s proposed Movie Night event was briefly mentioned, with Friday, May 17th as a possible date. (Not sure if we came to any conclusion on this.)