

ROTARY CLUB OF SWARTHMORE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

May 17, 2022

		Attended	Excused
President	Kathryn Jones, MD	X	
President-Elect / Fund Raising	Heather Saunders		X
President Nominee	Greg Brown	X	
IPP – Past President / Sergeant-of-Arms	Bill Hale	X	
Club Executive Secretary	Brian Casey	X	
Treasurer	Theresa O'Malley		X
Secretary	Brian Craig	X	
The Rotary Foundation Chair	Barbara Whitaker-Shimko		X
Membership Chair	Carr Everbach	X	
Speaker Program	Hillard Pouncy		X
International Chair / Gundaker	Anne Hansen		X
Service Projects Chair	Lori Markusfeld	X	
Public Relations Chair	Perri Evanson	X	
Grants Committee / Rotary Trust Chair	Betty Ann Flynn		X
CTEP Chair	Ken Wright		X
Climate Chair	Dave Firn	X	
Karen Mazzarella-Russo, Assistant District Governor	District Updates		X

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Kathryn Jones, President 2021-22.

Opening Remarks: President Kathryn Jones

1. Kathryn welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.
2. Kathryn asked Brian Casey to comment on the club's web site. Brian reported the contract is in its second or third iteration. Originally it was thought the web site would need seven (7) to fifteen (15) pages. A review of the site disclosed a realistic need for 25 pages for the Swarthmore Rotary site and the Fun Fair site. The contract also mentioned setting up hosting the site, but this can be done through District 7450 without additional cost. Once the contract is resolved there will have to be discussion about maintaining the site.
3. Kathryn clarified a proposal was solicited to update the Swarthmore Rotary and Fun Fair web sites to and to make them more user friendly. Once the proposal is finalized it will be presented to the board, possibly at an ad hoc board meeting. The money is in the budget so quick action is being sought. This is part of Kathryn's overall vision for the club.
4. The Club Assembly will be at The Inn at Swarthmore on Thursday, 5/19/2022, from noon to 2:00 p.m. The strategic plan will be presented by Heather Saunders and then there will be a breakout session by table to get club member feedback on the plan. Once the plan has been reviewed there will be a week or two for additional comments the strategic planning committee will finalize the plan for presentation to the executive board at the June meeting for final approval. Kathryn thanked the strategic planning committee for their hard work and excellent result.

Secretary's Report: Brian Craig

- Due to the lack of a quorum the minutes were reviewed but not approved. They will be submitted for approval at the June meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Theresa O'Malley

The treasurer was excused from this meeting. She provided the following report:

1. Bank balance as of March 31st – \$15,197.36
2. The switch from Bryn Mawr Trust to WSFS was successful, and relatively painless. Only one phone call was required to sort out log in problems!
3. Only 8 members have not paid their last dues, and three of those are people may no longer be active (they didn't pay the last set of dues, either). I'll send out a new batch of statements this upcoming weekend.
4. Bills paid:
 - a. \$300.00 (\$100 refundable) to Park Avenue Community Center for rental of the Great Hall on May 12th
 - b. \$166.07 to Kelly's Trophies for two plaques in memory of Steve Laxton.
 - c. \$110.00 reimbursement to Barbara Whitaker-Shimko for new letterhead and postage in support of her efforts.

Committee Reports:

Chester Trades Education Project: Ken Wright

Ken Wright was excused but sent the following information which was read by Brian Craig:

1. Status of Students

- a. We currently have 8 students that have completed all their course requirements and are now moving to classes at the DCCC campus in Broomall. They have all been given their tools and Award Certificates.
- b. One student has not completed a class test, but will be taking that over the summer, so she is rejoining the class and has been given her tools and Award Certificate
- c. Three (3) students have not completed various sections of the courses so we are working to get them current and back with their class. They have not been given their tool or Award Certificates.

2. Cohort 2 Start up

- a. We held two info sessions (May 7 & 10) with limited success. We currently have 4 potential students but need to get more. There appears to be competition with other groups for Trade School students and we need to see if there are ways we can work with these groups since we all seem to have similar goals.
3. Kathryn Jones added the CTEP web site is live at www.chestertrades.org. A third information session is planned for May 31st. Cohort 1 students are also being asked if they have friends who are interested for cohort 2.

Climate and Environment: David Firm

1. The road clean up on April 30th went very well. Twelve (12) people attended and work was completed in under two (2) hours. David estimated 25 to 30 pounds of trash was collected.
2. The tree has been planted at Little Crum Creek Park.
3. Our club was going to solicit volunteers district-wide for CRC's two remaining spring events. However, CRC is in a bit of flux and suggested we hold off as they had enough volunteers for the first event and cancelled the second. David will work to better coordinate efforts for the fall events.

Membership: Carr Everbach

1. Three new members will be inducted at the Club Assembly; Patrick Gunnin, Jane Billings and Ryan Martin. A discussion followed regarding the value these members will add to the club.
2. Katryn reported she will be meeting with Jane Billings and Jeannine Osayande as both are interested in the Youth/New Generations chairperson position. They may decide to co-chair the position. Kathryn also noted Lori Markusfeld mentioned she would like to be the point person for Strath Haven High School.

Public Relations: Perri Evanson

1. Perri noted there was not much to report from the past month.
2. Perri asked about publicizing the officer induction and asked the status. Kathryn Jones noted the induction is scheduled for June 23rd at Tyler Arboretum. Bill Hale reported various materials have been ordered for the induction.
3. Additional discussion involved the particulars of the induction ceremony.

Service Projects: Lori Markusfeld

1. Lori reported the community service event at Ruth Bennett Farm. Five people participated from Swarthmore Rotary as well as volunteers from other organizations.
2. Lori suggested assisting Nick's House with assembling bags that are sent to cancer treatment centers containing toiletries, creams, and other helpful items for patients. Nick's House has a list of items people can donate. The idea is to collect the donated items and assemble them at a club meeting. Lori explained Nick's House is a house in Swarthmore established to help people coming from distances of more than 50 miles, some financial qualifications, and receiving treatment at University of Pennsylvania Hospital.
3. Carr Everbach wanted to note events that took place in the last week:
 - a. Carr wanted to recognize Josh Twersky for his efforts coordinating and executing the World of Work event.
 - b. Carr also wanted to recognize Heather Saunders for her efforts showing the Mission Joy movie. Greg Brown commented he spoke with some non-Rotarians who were impressed with the presentation.
 - c. Discussion took place regarding publicizing these two events.

Grants: Betty Ann Flynn

- Betty Ann Flynn was excused from the meeting. Brian Craig read her report noting a \$1,000 grant was provided to Making a Change and a \$2,000 grant was given to First Place Swarthmore for a total of \$3,000.

Swarthmore Rotary Charitable Trust: Betty Ann Flynn

- Betty Ann Flynn was excused from the meeting. Brian Craig read her report of a Checking Account balance of \$26,884.24 and a CD Accounts balance of \$25,037.00 for a total of \$51,911.24

The Rotary Foundation: Barbara Whitaker-Shimko

- Barbara Whitaker Shimko was excused from the meeting. Brian Craig read her report noting on May 26th the committee will present awards to three (3) members who have attained new steps of the Paul Harris levels. Each level recognizes amounts of total contributions. The committee will give a very brief overview of The Rotary Foundation

Speaker Program: Hillard Pouncy

- Hillard Pouncy was excused from the meeting. Brian Craig read his report noting Kathryn Jones will present a CTEP event on either June 16th or June 30th. There will only be one meeting to schedule a speaker for the rest of Kathryn's term. Kathryn Jones noted she will have the CTEP presentation on June 30th. June 16th will be open for Hillard's action. Kathryn also noted there is no club meeting on June 23rd due to the induction ceremony.

Fund Raising: Heather Saunders

- Heather Saunders was excused from the meeting.

Gundaker: Anne Hansen

- Anne Hansen was excused from the meeting.

International Service: Anne Hansen

- Anne Hansen was excused from the meeting.

Youth / New Generations: TBD

- No report

District Updates: Karen Mazarella-Russo

- It was noted Chris Potter will be assuming this position for the remainder of this presidential term.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Carr Everbach noted he now has the laptop computer that was purchased for the club and will be used for broadcast of the weekly club meetings. Carr has a separate Zoom log in for this purpose. Club members will be informed of how they can attend virtually if they cannot attend in person.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Craig
Swarthmore Rotary Secretary 2021-22