

ROTARY CLUB OF SWARTHMORE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 13th, 2022

Present: George Whitfield, Heather Saunders, Greg Brown, Dave Birn, Brian Casey, Betty Ann Flynn, Josh Twersky, Carr Everbach, Jane Billings, Hillard Pouncy, Jeannine Osayande, Anne Hansen, Patrick Gunnin, Rich Shimko, Perri Evanson, Barbara Whitaker-Shimko, and Ken Wright

Excused:

President Heather Saunders called the meeting to order at 4:32. She reported the following:

1. In the process of gathering a committee to present a candidate as President-nominee.
2. She and Greg Brown attended the monthly meeting of the Gundaker Foundation. It gave them a chance to understand what the Gundaker Foundation is all about. It is not your typical foundation; in that it raises money and gives it away. President Heather wants to apply for two grants from the Gundaker Foundation. One for community Service for CTEP, and the second a Great Grant (emergency relief) to aid First Place Swarthmore. Both grants will require a \$1000.00 match from the club.
3. President Heather is planning to invite the Media Club to join us on November 11th, 2022.
4. Fun Fair Update – In the absence of Joe Lesniak, Heather reported that 50 charities have signed up, and for the most part the club will try have cashless transactions. The insert looks good. To make the relationship with The Swarthmorean more equitable, Joe suggested that the club buy some ads. Therefore, the following motion was moved by George Whitfield and seconded by Betty Ann Flynn: On behalf of the Fun Fair Committee, allocate \$1500.00 off budget for Fun Fair ads in the Swarthmorean by re-imburement to the Swarthmore Rotary Charitable Trust. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Patrick reported that dues are coming in well. The balance in checking is \$12,003.00

Committee Reports

Youth Engagement: - Jane and Jeannine reported to the board what their focus will be for the year. They are asking; how can the club connect with youth for community service? Report is attached to these minutes.

Grants Committee: - Betty Ann presented the following motion: Donate \$1000.00 to the Delaware County Literacy Council for their 2022 Faces of Literacy. Motion passed with one abstention by Patrick Gunnin, Executive Director, Delaware County Literacy Council.

The event will be held on October 19th and Harrah's Philadelphia. The donation includes an ad and 4 tickets.

Arts Committee: - Ken Wright reported that the committee has had their initial meeting.

Public Relations: - Perri, reported that she has been working on the supplement for the Fun Fair.

Club Service Committee: - Dave mentioned the following up-coming opportunities to serve:

1. October 8th- Adopt a Highway- Yale Ave. clean up.
2. October 29th, District Eco Club planting project
3. A survey will be sent to club members asking; what kind of service projects in which they would like to participate?

Barbara suggested that the club have a project with or for children in Foster Care.

International Service Committee: - Anne stated that the Liberia Project with the Chester Club may not be immediate. The Chester Club is still working on a Global Grant for the project. She has also purchased Purple Pinky Ale and has decided that it will not be available during the Fun Fair but will be used by the club in a different capacity.

CTEP: - Kathryn reported the following:

1. Cohort 1 has 8 students at DCCC
2. Cohort 2 had 29 inquiries. 18 students have started
3. Cohort 3 will be HVAC, electrical, and plumbing. A start date has not been established.
4. Grant forms have been completed. Grants for 2022-23 totaled \$6000.00. Betty Ann spearheaded support from other clubs through the Gundaker Foundation.
5. Heather, Betty Ann, and Kathryn have been discussing the future of CTEP. Rotary may not be the place for its future. Maybe the Foundation for Delaware County would be better.

Membership: - Carr announced the resignation of the following members:

Ann Greene and Helen Adams

Jim Snively is still waiting to be inducted. Carr also stated there may be another Minglefest.

Secretary's Report: - The minutes from July 12th were approved as presented.

Executive Secretary' Report: - Brian Casey reported that RYLA is scheduled for February 3rd – 5th, 2023.

Speakers Committee: - no report

Trust: - Josh reported the Trust is doing well with the transition of treasurers.

Old Business: - None

New Business: - None

Meeting adjourned at 5:51.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11th, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

George Whitfield, Secretary