

ROTARY CLUB OF SWARTHMORE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2022

Present: Heather Saunders, Josh Twersky, Betty Ann Flynn, Patrick Gunnin, George Whitfield, David Firn, Jane Billings, Carr Everbach, Barbara Whitaker-Shimko, Hillard Pouncy, and Anne Hansen

Excused: Greg Brown, Kathryn Jones, Jeannine Osayande, and Ken Wright

The meeting was called to order by Heather Saunders, President at 4:31 P.M.

Minutes: There was a motion by Carr to approve the minutes of September 13th, 2022. The motion was seconded by Patrick. The minutes were approved as presented.

In the absence of Ken Wright, President Heather reported on his behalf formally introducing The Rotary Arts Program (RAP), with a motion to approve. The idea came from a speaker to the club who was a poet, The poet spoke of the process of writing a poem. As a result, the speakers for the RAP would be artists who speak of their creative process. Also, as part of the Strategic Plan, it is a goal of the club to collaborate with other community organizations. Therefore, the RAP will collaborate with the Park Ave. Community Center (PAC) to present the programs. There would be a 5-month test to see if the program is viable. The program would be on a Friday evening for one hour 7:30 – 8:30. After five months, the committee would take a break to evaluate the program. The charge would be \$10.00 per adult, youth would be free, there would be a \$150.00 honorarium for the speaker/artist, and \$30.00 for the sound person at the PAC. The committee is asking for an initial investment by the club of 900.00.

After discussion, there was a motion to table until the next meeting. The motion passed, and debate/discussion ended.

Grants Committee: Betty Ann reported the committee has received four grant applications.

President's Report: President Heather reported on the survey she conducted on "Club Rituals" (Pledge of Allegiance and Table Grace). It was asked if Rich Shimko, Editor CogNotes, could edit the Table Grace to make them more inclusive/ecumenical and members to contribute the weekly quotes.

Treasurer's Report: Patrick reported the balance in checking was \$14,000.00. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Membership: Carr reported the following people have resigned from the club:

Gudmund Everson

Helena Thomas

Ann Green

There will be a Minglefest on November 2 at the Inn at Swarthmore, 5:30 to 7:30.

There was a motion to allot \$600.00 to the Membership Committee for costs associated with the Minglefest. The motion passed.

Club Service Committee: Dave thanked everyone for participating in the Road Clean-up. He announced the CRC at Eyre Park, Chester, PA will take place on October 29th, 2022, from 9 until noon.

Based on a recent survey of club members, 75% of the responses favored physical service projects. Others favored service projects held directly after meetings on Thursday.

International Service: Anne Hansen reported that the Chester Club is still working on a Global Grant for work in Liberia.

Youth Engagement Committee: Jane Billings reported that she and Jeannine solicited requests for youth participation from several local youth organizations. They are both disappointed that there is no longer an Interact Club at SHHS or a Rotaract Club at Swarthmore College.

Speakers: Hillard reported the speakers for club meetings on Thursdays are scheduled through December.

The meeting adjourned at 5:49.

Respectfully submitted,

George Whitfield, Secretary